



AGENDA

Orange Public Library Board of Trustees February 23, 2026

Leslie Hardy
Community and Library
Services Director

Amy Harpster
Assistant Library Director

Jessica Wang
Executive Assistant

REBECCA MARTINEZ
Chair

SUSIE HUBER
Vice Chair

KATHLEEN STEVENS
Trustee

ARIANA CAZARES
Trustee

SHARON ZIMMERMAN
Trustee

3:30 PM Regular Session

Taft Branch Library - Salter Annex
740 E. Taft Avenue
Orange, CA 92865

Welcome to the Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Regular meetings of the City of Orange Public Library Board of Trustees are typically held on the third Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

Agenda Information

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Public Participation

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, members of the public may address the Library Board on any agenda items or matters within the jurisdiction of the governing body by using any of the following methods:

1) In-Person

To speak on an item on the agenda, complete a speaker's card indicating your name, address, and identify the agenda item number or subject matter you wish to address. The card should be given to staff prior to the start of the meeting. General comments are made during the "Public Comments" section on the agenda. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless a different time limit is announced.

2) Written Public Comments

Members of the public can submit their written comments electronically for the Board's consideration by using the eComment feature on the Agenda page of the City's website at www.cityoforange.org. To ensure distribution to the Library Board prior to consideration of the agenda, we encourage the public to submit written comments by 11:00 a.m. the day of the meeting. All written comments will be provided to the Trustees for consideration and posted on the City's website after the meeting.

Please contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 744-5500 with any questions.

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1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Susie Huber

1.2 ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Library Board on matters not listed on the agenda which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, provided that NO action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Public Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Approval of minutes of the Orange Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on January 26, 2026

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes as presented.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [January 26, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes](#)

4. FRIENDS OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

5. ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT

6. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [OPL Statistics at a Glance - December 2025 Report](#)

7. BOARD REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Chair

7.2 Reports from Trustees

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Library Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 3:30 p.m., in the Rotary Room at the Orange Public Library & History Center.

I, Jessica Wang, Executive Assistant for the City of Orange, hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that a full and correct copy of this agenda was posted pursuant to Government Code Section 54950 et. seq., at the following locations: Orange Civic Center kiosk and Orange City Clerk's Office at 300 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange Main Public Library at 407 E. Chapman Avenue, Police facility at 1107 N. Batavia, and uploaded to the City's website www.cityoforange.org.

Date posted: February 19, 2026



Agenda Item

Orange Public Library Board of Trustees

Item #: 3.1

2/23/2026

File #: 26-0102

TO: Chair and Members of the Orange Public Library Board of Trustees

THRU: Leslie Hardy, Community and Library Services Director

FROM: Jessica Wang, Executive Assistant

1. SUBJECT

Approval of minutes of the Orange Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on January 26, 2026

2. SUMMARY

Submitted for your consideration and approval are the minutes of the above meeting.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve minutes as presented.

4. ATTACHMENTS

- January 26, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes



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MINUTES - DRAFT

City of Orange

Orange Public Library Board of Trustees

January 26, 2026

The Orange Public Library Board of Trustees of the City of Orange, California convened on January 26, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in a Regular Meeting in the Community Room of the El Modena Branch Library, 380 S. Hewes Street, Orange, California 92869.

1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Martinez led the flag salute.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Present: Huber, Cazares, Zimmerman, and Martinez

Absent: Stevens

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 November 17, 2025

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, Cazares, Zimmerman, and Martinez

Noes: None

Absent: Stevens

4. FRIENDS OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

Susie Huber reported the following on behalf of the Friends of the Orange Public Library ("Friends"):

- Updates on the Friends Board of Directors.
- Updates on the bookstore, memberships, and internet sales.
- Updates on past and upcoming specialty book sales.
- The Board of Directors adopted changes to the Friends bylaws.
- Updates on Friends financials.

5. ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT

Rebecca Martinez reported the following on behalf of the Orange Public Library Foundation ("Foundation"):

- The Foundation Board of Directors planned a Zoom meeting to work collaboratively with the Friends of the Library and the Board of Trustees.

6. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Leslie Hardy, Community and Library Services Director, Amy Harpster, Assistant Library Director, and Shannon Lane, Senior Library Manager, provided a report on current events at the Library, including:

- Updates on building improvements, construction, completed and upcoming projects.
- Updates on Library staff and scheduling.
- Updates on community outreach programs and Pop Up Library.
- Budget updates.
- Updates on citywide events and Library-specific participation in those events.
- A recap of past Library events and programs and an update on current events and programs.
- Updates specific to the El Modena Branch Library.
- The OPL Statistics at a Glance - October 2025 and November 2025 reports were received and filed.

6.2. Financial Report for FY26 Through December 2025

The Financial Report for FY26 through December 2025 was received and filed.

7. BOARD REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Chair

Chair Martinez had the following to report:

- Chair Martinez has an appointment with the Orange Unified School District's superintendent to arrange a meeting with the media specialist of each school.
- Chair Martinez attended the Orange High School showcase and noted that the Pop Up Library was a popular booth.
- Chair Martinez suggested utilizing the Orange Public Library & History Center during a 3-day "Celebrate Orange" weekend event.

7.2 Reports from Trustees

Trustees had the following to report:

- The Holy Family Catholic School thanked the Library for providing them with shelving ideas for their school library.
- The Holy Family Girl Scout troop expressed interest in scheduling a library tour.
- The Trustees discussed attending the annual Serving with a Purpose conference.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Consideration of Proposed Homework Center Policy

Amy Harpster, Assistant Library Director, gave a staff report on proposed changes to the Homework Center Policy.

Staff answered clarifying questions on the policy.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Huber, seconded by Trustee Cazares, to adopt the policy as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Cazares, Zimmerman, and Martinez

Noes: None

Absent: Stevens

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

The next Regular Orange Public Library Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in the Salter Annex of the Taft Branch Library.

Leslie Hardy
Community and Library Services Director



Agenda Item

Orange Public Library Board of Trustees

Item #: 6.1

2/23/2026

File #: 25-0654

TO: Chair and Members of the Orange Public Library Board of Trustees

THRU: Leslie Hardy, Community and Library Services Director

FROM: Jessica Wang, Executive Assistant

1. SUBJECT

Library Services Director's Report and Updates on Library Services

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive and file.

3. ATTACHMENTS

- OPL Statistics at a Glance - December 2025 Report



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2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

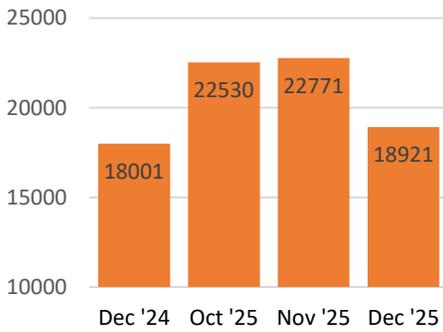
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3. ATTACHMENTS

- OPL Statistics at a Glance - December 2025 Report

Statistics at a Glance December '25 Report

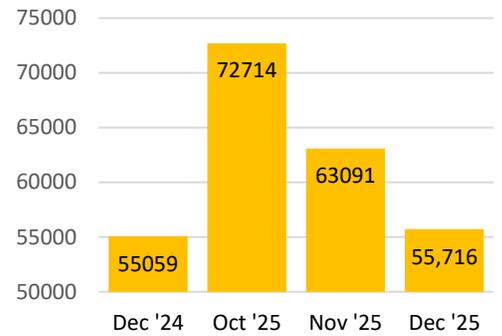
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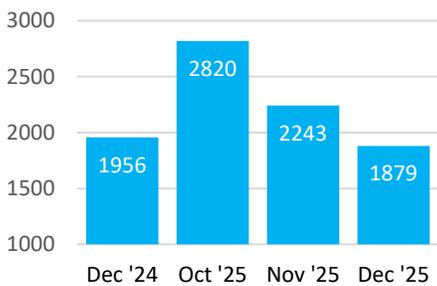


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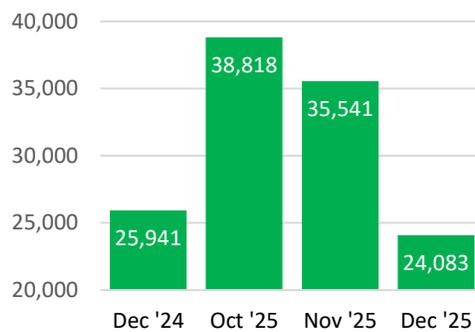


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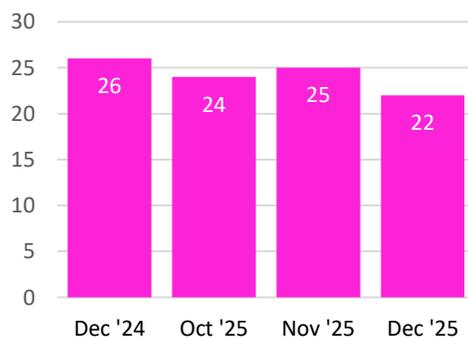
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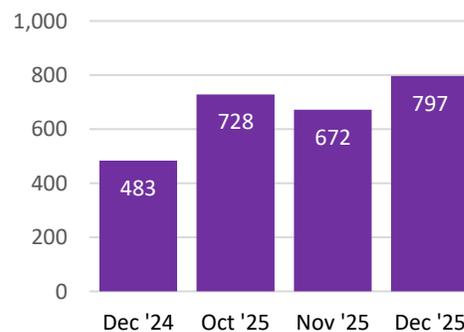
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NUMBER OF PROGRAMS



PROGRAM ATTENDEES



Note: All libraries under new operating hours beginning January 20, 2025.