



**LIBRARY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AMENDED AGENDA**

**Thursday, June 4, 2026  
7:00 PM**

**City Council Chamber  
200 Old Bernal Avenue  
Pleasanton, CA 94566**

**Commissioner James Woodwell  
Teleconference Location:  
21 South Forest Beach Dr. #136,  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928**

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The meeting will be held in-person and will be streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton>.

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In Person:

- Submit a physical speaker card at the meeting. When your name is called, please provide comment at the podium.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Items listed on the consent calendar are considered routine in nature and may be enacted by one motion. If discussion is required, that particular item will be removed from the consent calendar and will be considered separately.*

1. Approve minutes of the Library Commission meeting on April 2, 2026

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

2. Public Comment regarding items not listed on the agenda – Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.

**MATTERS FOR THE COMMISSION'S REVIEW/ACTION/INFORMATION**

3. Receive an update on the Fiscal Year 2025/26 budget reduction implementation in the Library and Recreation Department
4. Discuss the formation of an ad-hoc subcommittee to review the Pleasanton Library's community engagement and volunteer programs and to provide feedback
5. Receive information on the 2026 Summer Reading Program at the Pleasanton Public Library

## **MATTERS INITIATED**

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

6. Friends of the Library Updates
7. Subcommittee Reports
8. Other brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Commission members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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## LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 2, 2026  
7:00 p.m.

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stroud called to order the Regular Meeting of the Library Commission at 7:00 p.m. from the City Council Chamber located at 200 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

Chair Stroud led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Chen, Emerson, Joshi, Kimsey, Sabatini, Woodwell, Chair Stroud

Absent: None

### AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Staff provided an amendment to Item 4, Attachment 2, mended to the following, updating some numbers to align with revenue and removing programs that were listed but not currently being offered.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Stroud opened public comment. There being no speakers, Chair Stroud closed the public comment.

**MOTION:** It was m/s by Kimsey/Sabatini to approve the consent calendar as recommended. Motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chen, Emerson, Joshi, Kimsey, Sabatini, Woodwell, Chair Stroud

Noes: None

1. Approve special meeting minutes of March 5, 2026

Recommendation: Approve special meeting minutes of March 5, 2026.

### MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Public comment regarding items not listed on the agenda

Chair Stroud opened public comment. There being no speakers, Chair Stroud closed the public comment.

### **MATTERS FOR THE COMMISSION'S REVIEW / ACTION / INFORMATION**

3. Review and recommend City Council adopt a resolution to rescind the Registration of Borrowers Policy

Presentation by Lia Bushong, Assistant Director of Library and Recreation.

**MOTION:** It was m/s by Kimsey/Emerson to recommend City Council adopt a resolution to rescind the Registration of Borrowers Policy.

Ayes: Commissioners Chen, Emerson, Joshi, Kimsey, Sabatini, Woodwell, Chair Stroud

Noes: None

4. Review and discuss the Pleasanton Public Library Program Plan for Fiscal Year 2026/27

Presentation by Lia Bushong, Assistant Director of Library and Recreation.

Chair Stroud opened public comment. There being no speakers, Chair Stroud closed the public comment.

5. Review and discuss the Library and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2024/25 Annual Report

Presentation by Lia Bushong, Assistant Director of Library and Recreation.

Chair Stroud opened public comment. There being no speakers, Chair Stroud closed the public comment.

### **MATTERS INITIATED**

**MOTION:** It was m/s by Sabatini/Woodwell to add the Collection Development Policy to a future agenda item.

Ayes: Commissioners Chen, Emerson, Joshi, Kimsey, Sabatini, Woodwell, Chair Stroud

Noes: None

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

### 6. Friends of the Library Updates

Commissioner Woodwell provided a report

### 7. Other brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Commission members

Collection Development Policy Ad-Hoc Subcommittee – Commissioner Emerson provided a report.

Library Program and Outreach Policy Ad-Hoc Subcommittee – Commissioner Joshi provided a report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Stroud adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

**LIBRARY COMMISSION AGENDA  
REPORT**

June 4, 2026  
Library and Recreation

**TITLE: RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 BUDGET REDUCTION  
IMPLEMENTATION IN THE LIBRARY AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**SUMMARY**

This report provides an overview of the impacts of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 budget reductions within the Library and Recreation Department.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Receive an update on the Fiscal Year 2025/26 budget reduction implementation in the Library and Recreation Department.

**BACKGROUND**

In total, the Library and Recreation budget was reduced by \$1.61M in FY 2025/26, including the elimination of 6.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) and 21 part-time (PT) employee positions from the budget. An additional 2 FTE were frozen in the FY 2024/25 budget and were also not included in the FY 2025/26 budget.

**DISCUSSION**

Library Services

The library continues to adjust services to adapt to reduced staffing. Over the remainder of this budget cycle and as part of the City's organizational assessment, staff will continue to work within the available funding levels. In the meantime, the following is a list of the recent budget reduction implementation work:

- **Volunteer Shelving Program:** Since launching on June 24, 2025, the volunteer shelving program has become a cornerstone of daily operations. To date, 96 individuals have attended orientation sessions, with 92 active volunteers now shelving approximately 95 percent of the library's materials. Feedback from both volunteers and staff has been overwhelmingly positive. While highly successful, the volunteer shelving program requires approximately 50 staff hours weekly for supervision, coordination, and processing, higher than initially anticipated. In addition, only approximately 40 percent of initial volunteer applicants complete the full application, fingerprinting, and training process. The six-month volunteer commitment requires ongoing recruitment and training, and shelving accuracy continues to improve.
- **Staffing:** Staff vacancies have been partially offset through the consolidation of supervisory structures, reduced commission meetings under the new bimonthly cycle, and the pausing of certain commissions. Reduced staffing levels have created pinch points on Mondays and Saturdays, occasionally requiring temporary service desk

closures to ensure proper coverage. However, most patrons have been understanding and patient during brief service adjustments.

- Hours of Operation: Library hours were reduced from 62 to 48 hours per week, effective August 4, 2025. The community has adjusted well to the new schedule, though visitor counts have decreased somewhat. Staff will continue to monitor usage trends as the community adjusts to the new schedule.
- Focus on Core Programming: Adult and children's programming now focus exclusively on literacy and educational programs, which continue to be well-attended and valued by the community, maintaining the library's commitment to its essential mission.
- Other Program Changes:
  - The Afterschool Program now operates from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. daily (reduced by one hour). All PUSD support of this program was eliminated with the district budget reductions beginning this current school year (2025/26), so this program is now supported entirely by City staff.
  - Sensory Storytime was temporarily paused until January while staff received necessary training. This program is running now.
  - Adult Film and Book Clubs are paused indefinitely.
  - City staff-led school field trips are paused for the current school year (schools remain welcome to visit independently). These will start up again for the next school year, 2026/27.
- Collection Management:
  - Checkout limits were reduced from 100 to 50 items per patron, aligning with industry best practices.
  - Hold requests were limited to items currently checked out.
  - Digital collections were streamlined based on cost, usage, and quality metrics.
  - Fourteen digital resources continue, including the most popular platforms.

## Civic Arts

- Digital Ticketing at Firehouse Arts Center: The transition to digital ticketing at the Firehouse Arts Center was smooth and well-received. Patrons may now display tickets digitally or print them at home. To enhance accessibility, ticket sales are available through the library's recreation counter and the Pleasanton Senior Center.
- Focus on enhanced revenue and attendance:
  - Partnered with a booking contractor with decades of industry experience to curate performers with a strong track record in the venue, with an emphasis on tribute bands that consistently draw large audiences
  - Negotiated modified artist guarantees and offering a sell-out bonus, creating an incentive for artists to actively promote their shows, increase attendance, and reduce upfront costs for the City
  - Prioritized increased rentals to support long-term revenue growth
  - Expanded marketing efforts through earlier and more consistent promotion, improved digital advertising, and broader audience outreach
  - Secured a concessionaire for Presenting Series shows and implementing a new agreement in which the City receives ten percent of concession sales, establishing a new and sustainable revenue stream.
- Public Art Maintenance: Reductions to the public artwork maintenance contract are being closely monitored. Staff is engaging with conservators to explore a volunteer-

based maintenance Day of Service to help sustain the collection over the long term.

Additionally, a Public Art Contribution or In-Lieu Fee was adopted for qualifying non-residential development on September 16, 2025. The ordinance establishes a mechanism for developers to either provide on-site public art or pay an in-lieu fee to support public art acquisition, installation and maintenance citywide. To date, no development projects have met the applicability criteria that would trigger the requirement, and no fees have been collected.

### Sports and Aquatics

- Aquatics: Weekend lap swim hours at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center (DBAC) were reduced during non-peak hours (one hour each on Saturday and Sunday), and the recreational swim season was aligned with traditional summer programming. Year-round weekend lap swim participation has decreased by approximately 10 percent due to reduced hours. It is too soon to tell if this reduction will continue. Staff will evaluate after a full fiscal year to determine any long-term impacts.
- Sports and Facilities: Adult sports leagues are no longer operated by City staff; fields remain available for private league or game rentals. Field space previously allocated to adult sports leagues is now being used primarily by youth sports teams, ensuring continued high usage.

### Senior Center and Recreation for Adults with Developmental Disabilities (RADD)

No notable changes were made to programs and services in these areas.

### Activities Guide

The department has transitioned from producing three Activity Guides each year to two, reducing printing and mailing costs while streamlining production. Spring/Summer 2026 was the first combined guide, supported by a coordinated outreach and marketing plan to ensure strong visibility and engagement across the community.

### Other Staffing Changes

- Changes to staffing optimized service delivery across recreation facilities. Staff have been relocated between Gingerbread Preschool, the Senior Center, Ken Mercer Sports Park, the Library, and aquatic programs.
- There are currently no City staff assigned to work in Human Services. Staff in the City Manager's Office, Community and Economic Development, Police Department, and Library and Recreation Department are currently managing issues as they arise.

### Youth in Government Day

City staff coordinated with the Pleasanton Unified School District and the Youth Commission to implement a more efficient format for this program that reduced staff time and departmental coordination while maintaining meaningful civic engagement for local high school students. A successful Youth in Government Day, including a half-day of job shadowing and a half-day of a mock City Council meeting, was held in February 2026.

### Community Grants

The Community Grants program for youth and the arts was eliminated in this budget cycle. General Fund support for Housing and Human Services Grants was reduced to \$100,000.

#### Commission Structure

The Civic Arts Commission was paused but resumed on March 2, 2026. The Human Services Commission is currently paused. A City Council Ad-Hoc Subcommittee was formed to review the commission structure. This subcommittee has met twice, in October and December 2025. Another meeting was held in April 2026.

#### Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery

Contractor support for the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery was reviewed and reduced in accordance with Parks and Recreation Commission recommendations and City Council direction. Beginning January 1, 2026, department staff assumed responsibility for plot and service sales, as well as burial service scheduling, which was previously handled by an outside contractor.

Casket plot sales were paused effective January 1, 2026, while staff continues to work toward a sustainable service model for the cemetery. An update will be brought to the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council after one year of data has been collected for review.

#### Additional Cross-Departmental Efficiencies

- Citywide Sponsorships: Centralized management of citywide sponsorship opportunities streamlines the process for community partners and businesses while creating more consistent internal protocols.
- Citywide Special Event Process: The City launched a new citywide special event approval and support process, improving communication and efficiency.

The City continues to adapt thoughtfully to budget constraints while maintaining core services. The strong volunteer response is helping the City to preserve valued public services. Staff will continue to monitor impacts and adjust operations as needed.

### **EQUITY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Reducing the annual operating budget helps keep the City financially sustainable.

### **OUTREACH**

Significant community outreach was conducted as part of the FY 2025/26-2026/27 budget planning.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

This action advances ONE Pleasanton Citywide Strategic Plan Goals:

- Goal A: Funding our Future to support financial health and sound fiscal policies through long-term planning, cost recovery, and cost containment

- Goal D: Building a Community Where Everyone Belongs, Strategy 3 – Implement high-priority items from the Library and Recreation Strategic Plan to continue to deliver activities and programs that meet the needs and interests of the community.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The reductions outlined in this report represent \$1.61M in FY 2025/26.

Prepared by:

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Lia Bushong, Assistant Director of Library and Recreation

Attachments:

None

**LIBRARY COMMISSION AGENDA  
REPORT**

June 4, 2026  
Library and Recreation

**TITLE: DISCUSS THE FORMATION OF AN AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS AND TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK**

**SUMMARY**

The Pleasanton Public Library provides a number of volunteer programs that extend the library's reach, expand access to services, and foster meaningful connections between the community and the library. These programs collectively engage hundreds of volunteers and serve thousands of community members each year. This report provides an overview of six active volunteer programs: the Friends of the Pleasanton Library Book Menders, Bookleggers, Adult Literacy Tutors, Paws to Read, Teen Summer Reading Advocates, and the Volunteer Shelves. As part of the Commission's approved Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26–2026/27 workplan priority on Community Engagement and Volunteer Programs, the commission may consider forming an ad-hoc subcommittee to engage more deeply with this area, explore volunteer programs at peer libraries for context and comparison, and provide feedback on potential expansions and opportunities for deeper community engagement.

*This item was placed on the agenda at the request of the Commission Chairperson.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

Discuss the formation of an ad-hoc subcommittee to review the Pleasanton Library's community engagement and volunteer programs and to provide feedback.

**BACKGROUND**

As stated in Section 2.34.020 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code: The duties of the Library Commission shall include the following: "Develop a commission workplan to be provided to the City Council for consideration during the budget process. The workplan should be based on the goals and strategies outlined in the ONE Pleasanton Strategic Plan as well as the role of the commission."

At the December 2025 meeting, the Library Commission approved the following workplan priority for FY 2025/26 and FY 2026/27:

- Community Engagement and Volunteer Programs  
(Commission Duty 3 / ONE Pleasanton Strategic Plan Goals: Funding Our Future, Strategy 1; Investing in Our Environment, Strategy 7; and Building a Community Where Everyone Belongs, Strategy 3

*This item includes an overview of volunteer programs within the library, such as the Volunteer Shelving Program, and invites commissioner feedback on potential expansions and opportunities for deeper community engagement.*

## **DISCUSSION**

The Pleasanton Public Library features several longstanding volunteer programs, as well as a number of newer initiatives established within the last few years. Together, these programs represent a significant and valued dimension of the library's community engagement efforts.

### Friends of the Pleasanton Library and Book Menders

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library represents one of the library's longest-standing partnerships. The organization's current president has served in that role for nearly 40 years. The Friends provide regular funding for library programs and services through ongoing and seasonal book sales and oversee a dedicated team of volunteers who staff those sales throughout the year. Additionally, Friends volunteers manage book donations received at the Civic Center campus, 157 Main Street. Several Friends members also volunteer for the library and contribute to book mending, repairing damaged bindings and torn pages so that library materials can be returned to circulation for the community to enjoy.

### Bookleggers

The Booklegger school outreach program has operated for more than 30 years and is one of only two such programs in California. Through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Pleasanton Unified School District, Booklegger volunteers visit elementary school classrooms to deliver engaging book talks, read aloud from the Booklegger collection, and serve as ambassadors for the library, helping students build an early connection to public library services.

Volunteers complete six weeks of training before beginning classroom visits. The volunteer onboarding completion rate—the percentage of orientation attendees who complete onboarding requirements and become active volunteers—is approximately 95%. Each year, an average of 25 Booklegger volunteers serve more than 5,000 students. All incoming volunteers adhere to City and District requirements for volunteers. Following classroom visits, surveys are conducted to gather feedback that informs the Booklegger program and shapes future volunteer training and program design.

### Literacy Tutors

The Pleasanton Reads Adult Literacy and ESL program has provided English language learning services, provided by a team of volunteer tutors, for more than 20 years. The program is partially funded through a grant from California Library Literacy Services (CLLS), administered by the California State Library. It currently serves more than 175 students annually, supported by approximately 150 volunteer tutors.

Orientations held five times throughout the year allow prospective tutors to fully understand the program's expectations, including the minimum one-year commitment, prior to formally enrolling. The commitment rate following orientation is approximately 63%. Tutors who make the commitment receive thorough training and standardized curriculum materials, and work collaboratively with learners to set individualized goals. Surveys from new tutors provide feedback on their training experience and inform ongoing program enhancements.

### Paws to Read Volunteers

Paws to Read has operated since 2003 and celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2023. The program launched as the first library-based reading-to-dogs program in California and served

as a model for future programs in California and beyond. Through an MOU between the City and the Valley Humane Society, the program pairs children in grades 1–5 with certified therapy dogs and their handlers in a relaxed, encouraging environment designed to build reading confidence.

All volunteer handlers are certified therapy dog teams and complete fingerprinting clearance with both Valley Humane Society and the City. In its first two decades, more than 15,000 children participated in the program. Today, approximately 20 Valley Humane volunteers are actively serving, joined by several year-round library volunteers who provide program support, including day-of check-in assistance.

### Teen Summer Reading Advocates

The Teen Summer Reading Advocate program was established in recent years to enhance the Summer Reading Program for participants and to provide high school students with a meaningful opportunity to fulfill their required 20 service hours toward graduation. Approximately 55 high school-aged advocates participate each summer, signing up for shifts at the library's Summer Reading tables. Volunteers from this program often continue to volunteer in other programs, such as outdoor park activities and year-round library programs.

Summer Reading Advocates provide a video interview as part of the application process and attend training focused on engaging community members of all ages in conversations about reading and books. The commitment rate for applicants is approximately 90%. The program has been well received, with consistently positive feedback from advocates, program participants, and staff on the quality of their experience.

### Volunteer Shelters

The Volunteer Shelving Program is the library's newest volunteer initiative, launched in June 2025. With nearly 90 active volunteers, the program currently supports the shelving of approximately 95 percent of the library's materials. The program has received positive feedback from both volunteers and staff: volunteers express genuine enthusiasm for the work and a strong connection to the library and its mission, while staff appreciate the support and the dedication of those who contribute their time.

Volunteer shelvees attend an initial orientation and receive a tour and hands-on training during their first shift. The program's current commitment rate is approximately 40%. As the program continues to mature, there may be opportunities to refine the onboarding process and improve this rate.

## **EQUITY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Community engagement through volunteer programs meaningfully expands the library's capacity to deliver services and programs that would not otherwise be possible through staff alone. These programs increase access for community members of all ages, support literacy and language learning, and cultivate a culture of civic participation and shared stewardship of the public library.

## **OUTREACH**

No outreach has been done in advance of this item.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

This action advances ONE Pleasanton Citywide Strategic Plan Goals:

- Optimizing Our Organization, Strategy 4: Evaluate the organization's structure of community engagement opportunities (such as commissions and committees and citizen's academy) to improve information sharing, optimize staff efficiency, and provide greater service to the community.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

When the commission reviews information from the ad-hoc, financial impacts related to that item will be included in each report. There is no financial impact related to the discussion of engagement opportunities.

Prepared by:

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Lia Bushong, Assistant Director of Library and Recreation

Attachments:

None

**LIBRARY COMMISSION AGENDA  
REPORT**

June 4, 2026  
Library and Recreation

**TITLE: RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE 2026 SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT THE PLEASANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**SUMMARY**

Each year, the Pleasanton Public Library hosts a summer reading program for community members of all ages. The program focuses on reading for fun and features reading games, special programs, and events throughout the summer months. This report provides commissioners with an overview of the 2026 program to support awareness of library services, encourage community participation, and help spread the word through their personal and professional networks.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Receive information on the 2026 Summer Reading Program at the Pleasanton Public Library.

**BACKGROUND**

The Summer Reading Program has been a beloved and engaging tradition in Pleasanton for more than 30 years. Each year, a unique theme shapes library programming, decorations, and activities, keeping the experience fresh and exciting for returning participants. Past themes have celebrated the arts ("Reading Colors Your World"), Pleasanton's quasquicentennial ("Reading Through the Years"), outdoor exploration ("Read Beyond the Beaten Path"), personal expression ("Find Your Voice"), and games and puzzles ("Level Up at Your Library").

Following last year's program, patron surveys, commissioner input, and staff analysis highlighted areas for improvement this year, including enhancing outreach to schools about the program, simplifying raffle prize entry tickets, and improving community communication about how and when raffle winners are selected. All of these recommendations have been incorporated into the planning for the 2026 Summer Reading Program.

**DISCUSSION**

The 2026 Summer Reading Program begins on Saturday, May 30, the day after the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) school year ends, and runs through Friday, July 24, two weeks before students return to class.

This year's theme, "Plant a Seed, Read," draws inspiration from the farm-to-table movement. Just as a garden nourishes through careful cultivation, libraries grow ideas to nourish minds, offering interactive, educational experiences designed to engage readers of all ages.

Participants register for the program at the library and track their reading using themed game boards, available in person to encourage regular library visits. The program welcomes babies, children, teens, and adults, with reading and activity tracks tailored to each age group.

Prize incentives remain a highlight of the program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Pleasanton Library, this year's offerings include returning favorites, new prizes reflecting the "Plant a Seed, Read" theme, and selections drawn directly from participant input via our newsletter survey. Participants earn entries by meeting their reading and activity goals.

A variety of special events and performances, also supported by the Friends of the Pleasanton Library, will be held throughout the summer. This year's lineup includes:

- Summer Reading Kickoff with Farmer Arann — All ages
- Mobile Outreach Vehicle, Zippy — Ken Mercer, Las Ventanas, and Firehouse Arts Center
- Trivia Night at the Library — Adults
- DIY tote bag-making workshop — Teens
- Family Storytimes — All Ages
- Marc Griffiths, Ventriloquist — All Ages
- Mr. Daniel, Bilingual English-Spanish Performer — All Ages
- Veronica Friedkes, Bilingual English-Spanish Performer — All Ages
- Astro Everywhere Show — All Ages

Full event details are available on the library's website and through promotional flyers (Attachment 1). The program is promoted through a variety of channels, reaching both library patrons and the broader community:

- Monthly online calendars
- Lobby signage
- Library newsletter
- Social media posts
- Press releases
- Booklegger classroom visits
- PUSD district newsletters
- Kids Club sites
- Flyers distributed to local partners

The "Plant a Seed, Read" theme offers a fun, accessible way for the entire community to explore library collections and engage in meaningful activities throughout the summer. Rooted in interactive learning for all ages and abilities, the program supports the Library and Recreation Department's mission: "To build community through exceptional services and inclusive programming. Discover, Connect, Belong."

## **EQUITY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

The Summer Reading Program promotes equity by providing free access to reading incentives and events. The program encourages children and families from all walks of life to engage in literacy activities and social connections during the summer months. Public library resources and programs help level the playing field and support reading and educational opportunities for all.

## **OUTREACH**

Summer Reading Program outreach is conducted across multiple channels. Library staff have engaged with PUSD's school libraries and Kids Club sites, and Booklegger volunteers have shared information during their May classroom visits. Library Commissioners are encouraged to promote the program through their personal and professional networks.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

This action advances the following Citywide goals and strategies:

ONE Pleasanton Citywide Strategic Plan

- Building a Community Where Everyone Belongs, Strategy 3 – Implement high-priority items from the Library and Recreation Strategic Plan to continue to deliver activities and programs that meet the needs and interests of the community.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

- Funding for Summer Reading Program performances, supplies, and prizes in the amount of \$15,000 is provided by the Friends of the Pleasanton Library and is budgeted in the library donations account #10650101.
- Funding for Summer Reading Program staffing and supplies is budgeted for June and July in the City's general fund and included in the City's FY 2025/26 and FY 2026/27 budgets, respectively. These costs are reflected in the library divisional accounts #00152200, #00152201, and #00152301 and the departmental administrative account #00150100.

Prepared by:



Lia Bushong, Assistant Director of Library and Recreation

Attachments:

1. SRP 2026 Flyer\_Final

# PLEASANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

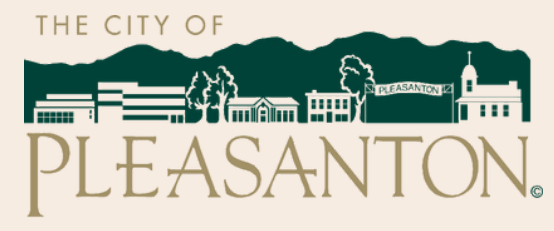
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**Summer Reading 2026**  
**Saturday, May 30 -**  
**Friday, July 24**

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