

ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY

ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

October 1, 2025
Union City Library

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael Baldwin at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Michael Baldwin
Peggy McQuaid
John Morada
Terrence Grindall
Darrell Choy
Sarah Wilson
Warren Cushman
Penny Peck
Yajing Zhang
Jeff Wang for Lance Nishihira

Members Absent:

Margaret Fero
Subru Bhat

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes of July 2, 2025

Commissioner Penny Peck moved and Commissioner Peggy McQuaid seconded for the approval of the July 2, 2025 minutes. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

2. Meeting Dates and Locations for 2026

Secretary Noelle Khean presented the meeting schedule for 2026. The Commission will meet on January 7th at Albany Library, March 25th at Newark Library, July 1st at Fremont Main Library, and October 7th at San Lorenzo Library.

3. Library Logistics Division

Ben Gomberg, Division Director of Library Logistics, provided an overview of the division and its departments: IT Services, Facilities, Fleet and Courier, Technical Services, and Coordination of Access to the Library.

4. Tour of Union City Library

Union City Library Manager Nidya Gonzalez led a tour of the Union City Library.

5. County Librarian's Report

Library Family Spaces

AC Library conducted a survey asking the public for their feedback on Family Spaces in the Library. Currently known as our Children's spaces

Information: <https://aclibrary.org/family-spaces/>

The Library is working with architectural firm, Group 4.

- **Year 1:** Connect with our community and staff. Review each library's family spaces to guide recommendations.
- **Year 2:** Draft improvement plans with estimated budgets and timelines.
- **Years 3-5:** Work with partners and vendors to make changes—big and small—to family spaces.
- **All Along:** Listen, learn, and share where we are in the process.

Summer Adventure 2025

This year marks the 5th year of Summer Adventure. The theme was “Imagine & Build.”

Summer Adventure 2025 video: <https://vimeo.com/1106292162?share=copy>

August 2025 Library to Library Newsletter

Alameda County Library (Fremont Main Library)'s reading display was featured in the August issue of the California State Library's monthly newsletter.

Proclamation: September is National Literacy Month

September is National Literacy Month. The Alameda County Board of Supervisors issued a proclamation in September to mark National Literacy Month in Alameda County.

6. Commissioners' Updates and Reports

Commissioner Baldwin reminded the Commission that there are still available seats for Youth Commissioners. For the application or more information, reach out to Noelle Khean.

Commissioner Baldwin also shared that the Brian Copeland author event was a very well attended event at Castro Valley Library.

Commissioner Peck shared that there was a job fair at San Lorenzo Library, and it was great that the staff collaborates with other organizations to run those events.

Commissioner Yajing Zhang shared that the author featured in the “HerStory” display in Union City Library had an event at Fremont Main Library that was well attended.

7. Next Meeting Reminders, Location, Date & Adjournment

Reminders for the next meeting:

Re-election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Location of next meeting:

Date: January 7, 2026

Place: Albany Library

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Commissioner McQuaid moved, and Commissioner Grindall seconded for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

***These minutes are subject to Alameda County Library Advisory Commission's approval at their next regularly scheduled meeting.**