



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Fernando “Nene” Torres Council Chambers
608 Heber Ave.
Calexico, CA 92231

TUESDAY, July 19, 2022
6:00 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rosario Duron, Chair
Maria Alarcon, Vice-Chair
Guadalupe Espino, Trustee
Angelica Angulo, Trustee

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Javier Moreno, Mayor/Chairperson
Raul Ureña, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson
Camilo Garcia, Council Member
Gloria Romo, Council Member
Rosie Arreola-Fernandez, Council Member

Esperanza Colio Warren, City Manager

Lizeth Legaspi, Library Manager

****AGENDA****

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NOTES: (Not to Exceed 3 Minutes) This is the time for the public to address the Library Board of Trustees on any item not appearing on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. The Chair will recognize you and when you come to the microphone, please state your name and place of residence for the record. While members of the public are encouraged to participate, it is unlawful to disturb or delay the Board meeting with personal or slanderous remarks. If the item you wish to comment on is a consent item, please comment now. The Board is prohibited by State law from taking action or discussing items not included on the printed agenda. If the item you wish to comment on is on the public portion of the agenda, we will take your comment when we get to the item on the agenda. Please direct your questions and comments to the Board.

1. Library Manager’s Report
2. Library Board of Trustees Comments

CONSENT ITEMS

3. Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting on June 8, 2022

BUSINESS ITEMS

4. Acceptance of California Library Literacy Services Projected Award
5. California State Library Zip Books Grant Program FY 2022-23..... oral
6. Family Summer Reading Program Report
7. Friends of the Library Report oral

INFORMATION

Attendance Report
Monthly Statistics Report
July Calendar of Activities
Letter of Support for Library Budget

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Lizeth Legaspi, Recording Secretary

6:00pm/ July 15, 2022

Next meeting date: November 7, 2022, 6:00pm



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Agenda Item

AGENDA ITEM #3

Meeting Date: July 19, 2022
To: Library Board of Trustees
From: Lizeth Legaspi, Library Manager
Subject: Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting on June 8, 2022



Minutes

MEETING OF: LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, June 8, 2022
PLACE OF MEETING: Fernando "Nene" Torres Council Chambers
608 Heber Ave. Calexico, CA 92231
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Duron at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Trustees	Attendance
Rosario Duron, Chair	Present
Maria Alarcon, Vice-Chair	Present
Guadalupe Moreno, Trustee	Present
Angelica Angulo, Trustee	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

- Lizeth Legaspi, Library Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Duron.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

- Mrs. Legaspi made a correction to the next meeting date to November 7, 2022. On motion by Vice-Chair Alarcon, seconded by Trustee Espino. The agenda was approved with the date update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- No public comments.

LIBRARY MANAGER'S REPORT:



Minutes

- Welcome new Trustee Angulo
- Quarterly meetings during February, April, July & November months
- Summer reading program preparations
- Lunch at the Library
- Libraries on the Spectrum program
- Raise a Reader program
- Vintage Club
- Annual budget and positions allocation requests

CONSENT ITEMS:

On motion by Chair Duron and seconded by Vice-Chair Alarcon. The minutes from meeting held on May 3, 2021, were approved as delivered.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Summer Family Reading Program – June 21 thru August 10, 2022

SERRA Cooperative Library System – Administrative Council Appointment

- Mrs. Legaspi was selected as vice-chair of the Administrative Council

SERRA Administrative Council Meeting Schedule FY 2022-23

- Thursday, August 18, 2022
- Thursday, October 13, 2022
- Thursday, February 16, 2023
- Thursday, May 18, 2023

Memorandum of Understanding between Imperial County Office of Education & Camarena Memorial Library

- Motion by Vice-Chair Alarcon and seconded by Chair Duron

Memorandum of Understanding between Friends of the Library & Camarena Memorial Library

- Motion by Chair Duron and seconded by Vice-Chair Alarcon

Zip Books Grant Project Award FY 2021-22

- Award ends June 30, 2022
- Amount awarded \$9,000



Minutes

California State Library Parks Pass Program

- 10 passes available

Acceptance of California Library Literacy Services Projected Award

- No formal action taken, but board was pleased with the announcement
- Adult Literacy Services Award \$34,874
- Family Literacy Services Award \$10,000

Friends of the Library Report

- Supported 2021 programming such as Teen & Summer programs, purchased Zoom licenses and Christmas program
- Supported 2022 programming such as Pajama Party, Teen Clubs, Family Literacy, Read Across America, National Library Week, Book Club book purchases and Dia del Niño

INFORMATION:

- Attendance report reminder
- Monthly statistics report
- June calendar of activities

ADJOURNMENT:

- Chair Duron adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes typed by Lizeth Legaspi

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 7, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Rosario Duron, Chair

ATTEST:

Lizeth Legaspi, Library Manager



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Agenda Item

AGENDA ITEM #4

Meeting Date: July 19, 2022
To: Library Board of Trustees
From: Lizeth Legaspi, Library Manager
Subject: Acceptance of California Library Literacy Services Projected Award

Lizeth Legaspi

From: Jeffredo, Allyson@CSL <allyson.jeffredo@library.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 12:06 PM
To: Lizeth Legaspi
Cc: Schwartzberg, Beverly@CSL
Subject: 2022-2023 CLLS Projected Award - Camarena Memorial Public Library

Dear Lizeth,

Please find below the projected California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) award amount for 2022-2023. Please use this projected amount to construct your Adult Literacy Services and Family Literacy Services budget in your 2022-2023 CLLS Continuing Libraries Application.

Please note: This email represents a preliminary notification of your projected award amount for 2022-2023. It is intended to help you complete your 2022-2023 CLLS Continuing Libraries Application form. It does not replace the formal award letter and award packet.

All projected award amounts are tentative and subject to change. They cannot be confirmed until the state budget is passed in June 2022.

Because of the effects of the pandemic on CLLS programs across the state, the projected CLLS Adult Literacy Services award amounts have been calculated using a three-year average from data reported in libraries' 2018-2019 Final Reports, 2019-2020 Final Reports and 2020-2021 Final Reports. For those libraries whose Adult Literacy programs began in 2021-2022, these awards remain the same for the first three years of CLLS program participation.

Similarly, the projected CLLS Family Literacy Services award amounts have been calculated using a three-year average from data reported in the 2018-2019 Final Reports, 2019-2020 Final Reports and 2020-2021 Final Reports. For those libraries whose Family Literacy programs began in 2021-2022, awards are based on projected program plans.

CAMARENA MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY's 2022-2023 projected CLLS award amounts are:

Adult Literacy Services: \$34,874
Family Literacy Services: \$10,000

If you have any questions or need any additional support, please let me know. You may also schedule a one-on-one meeting during my open office hours here: <https://calendly.com/allyson-jeffredo/clls-general-questions>.

Thank you,

Allyson

ALLYSON JEFFREDO | LITERACY & GRANTS ANALYST
California State Library | Library Development Services

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[Click here to schedule a one-on-one meeting](#)

CURRENTLY READING: *How High We Go in the Dark* by Sequoia Nagamatsu



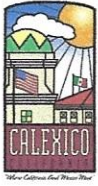


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AGENDA ITEM #5

Meeting Date: July 19, 2022
To: Library Board of Trustees
From: Lizeth Legaspi, Library Manager
Subject: California State Library Zip Books Grant Program FY 2022-23



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AGENDA ITEM #6

Meeting Date: July 19, 2022
To: Library Board of Trustees
From: Lizeth Legaspi, Library Manager
Subject: Family Summer Reading Program Report

Family Summer Reading Program Statistics

Club	Total Registered as of 7-15-22
Read-to-Me	152
Reading Club (grades 1 st -3 rd)	90
Reading Club (grades 4 th -6 th)	49
Teen Club	29
Adult Club	36
GRAND TOTAL	356



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AGENDA ITEM #7

Meeting Date: July 19, 2022
To: Library Board of Trustees
From: Lizeth Legaspi, Library Manager
Subject: Friends of the Library Report



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Information

Attendance Report

	Meeting Dates			
Trustee	6/8/2022	7/19/2022	11/7/2022	3/6/2022
Rosario Duron	*			
Maria Alarcon	*			
Guadalupe Espino	*			
Angelica Angulo	*			

CAMARENA MEMORIAL LIBRARY
MONTHLY REPORT

June 2022

		Library	YTD	Carnegie	YTD
CIRCULATION					
ADULT					
	Books	236	1977		
	Videos, DVDs & CD	0	5		
	Non-book materials (printed matters)	2	98		
	AV (audiobooks & language courses)	4	15		
	Total Adult Circulation	242	2095		
JUVENILE					
	Books	736	5138		
	Videos, DVDs & CD	0	0		
	Non-book materials (printed matters)	116	932		
	AV (books w/cassette)	0	0		
	Total Juvenile Circulation	852	6070		
ADULT					
	Non-English materials	49	348		
JUVENILE					
	Non-English materials	122	877		
	Total Non-English Materials	171	1225		
ZIP BOOKS					
	Total Zip Book requests	102	470		
DIGITAL MATERIALS					
	BookFLIX	152	2611		
	Brainfuse JobNow & VetNow	15	170		
	LHH	13	441		
	GetSeUP	0	0		
	Hoopla	187	1562		
	Tumblemath	7	56		
	Tutor.com	0	23		
	TrueFLIX	16	200		
	Total Digital Materials	492	5533		
	TOTAL CIRCULATION	1757	14923		
SERRA/ILL					
	ILL requested	0	0		
	ILL loaned	0	0		
QUESTIONS					
	Reference	24	272		
	Information	248	1947		
	Technology	28	322		
	TOTAL QUESTIONS	300	2541		
	In-house use of materials	680	5541		
	In-house use of equipment	0	11		
	Wi-Fi users at CTC	0	0		
	Internet access (CML)	37	327		
COLLECTION					
ADULT					
	New books	21	463		
	Non-cataloged materials added (PB)	0	1		
	Withdrawals	32	300		
	Non-cataloged materials withdrawn (PB)	0	3		
	Videos, Audiobooks & DVD's	1	3		
	Videos, Audiobooks & DVD's withdrawn	0	0		
JUVENILE					
	New books	20	473		
	Non-cataloged materials added(PB)	0	26		
	Withdrawals	0	16		
	Non-cataloged materials withdrawn (PB)	0	0		
	Videos, Audiobooks & DVD's	0	0		
	Videos, Audiobooks & DVD's withdrawn	0	0		
REGISTERED INTERNET USERS					
		21	182		
LIBRARY CARDS ISSUED (new & renewal)					
	Adult	75	480		
	Juvenile	52	229		
	Total hours library open to the public per month	95	900		
	Entry count	2962	20023		
	Snacks provided at the Library	1764	11159		

CAMARENA MEMORIAL LIBRARY — CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES



JULY 2022



<https://calexicolibrary.org>


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>There are "Oceans of Possibilities" @ your Library! Last day to register for the Family Summer Reading Program is Monday, July 25th, 2022</p>				<p>1 LIBRARY CLOSED</p>
<p>4 LIBRARY CLOSED</p>	<p>5 GAME DAY 1:00 pm, AGES 6-12 FREE LUNCH TO GO 2:00 pm, AGES 1-18 BABY TIME 5:00 pm, AGES 0-5</p>	<p>6 Storytime 12:00 pm, AGES 3-5 LET'S MEET... RUBEN NAJERA "COMICS" PRESENTATION 2:00 pm, ALL AGES TEEN CLUB 3:30 pm, AGES 13-17</p>	<p>7 STEAM LAB 1:00 pm, AGES 6-12 LET'S TALK CONVERSATION GROUP 5:30 pm, 18+</p>	<p>8 PAINT TIME 12:00 pm, AGES 6-12 VIRTUAL STORYTIME 2:00 pm, AGES 3+ BOOKS INTO MOVIES "THE JOY LUCK CLUB" 2:00 pm, 18+</p>
<p>11 TODDLER PLAYTIME 11:00 am, AGES 0-5 ARSTY MONDAYS 1:00 pm, AGES 6-12 FREE LUNCH TO GO 2:00 pm, AGES 1-18 BOOK CLUB @ 5:30 PM, 18+</p>	<p>12 GAME DAY 1:00 pm, AGES 6-12 BABY TIME 5:00 pm, AGES 0-5</p>	<p>13 Storytime 12:00 pm, AGES 3-5 LET'S MEET... CALEXICO POLICE DEPARTMENT 2:00 pm, ALL AGES TEEN CLUB 3:30 pm, AGES 13-17</p>	<p>14 STEAM LAB 1:00 pm, AGES 6-12 LET'S TALK CONVERSATION GROUP 5:30 pm, 18+</p>	<p>15 LIBRARY CLOSED</p>
<p>18 TODDLER PLAYTIME 11:00 am, AGES 0-5 ARSTY MONDAYS 1:00 pm, AGES 6-12 FREE LUNCH TO GO 2:00 pm, AGES 1-18 FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM @ 5:00 pm, AGES 0-5, CML</p>	<p>19 GAME DAY 1:00 pm, AGES 6-12 BABY TIME 5:00 pm, AGES 0-5 LIBRARY LEARNERS BOOK CLUB 5:30 pm, 18+, CTC</p>	<p>20 Storytime 12:00 pm, AGES 3-5 LET'S MEET... DIPPY DUCK 2:00 pm, ALL AGES TEEN CLUB 3:30 pm, AGES 13-17</p>	<p>21 STEAM LAB 1:00 pm, AGES 6-12 REUSE, REDUCE, RECYCLE PRESENTATION 2:30 pm, AGES 6+ LET'S TALK CONVERSATION GROUP 5:30 pm, 18+</p>	<p>22 PAINT TIME 12:00 pm, AGES 6-12 VIRTUAL STORYTIME 2:00 pm, AGES 3+ BOOKS INTO MOVIES "THE KITE RUNNER" 2:00 pm, 18+</p>
<p>25 TODDLER PLAYTIME 11:00 am, AGES 0-5 ARSTY MONDAYS 1:00 pm, AGES 6-12 FREE LUNCH TO GO 2:00 pm, AGES 1-18 LET'S READ BOOK CLUB 5:00 pm, 18+</p>	<p>26 GAME DAY 1:00 pm, AGES 6-12 BABY TIME 5:00 pm, AGES 0-5</p>	<p>27 Storytime 12:00 pm, AGES 3-5 LET'S MEET... SALLY RIDE ACADEMY "BEING NEMO" 2:00 pm, ALL AGES TEEN CLUB 3:30 pm, AGES 13-17</p>	<p>28 STEAM LAB 1:00 pm, AGES 6-12 LET'S TALK CONVERSATION GROUP 5:30 pm, 18+</p>	<p>29 LIBRARY CLOSED LIBRARIES on the SPECTRUM Join us for social story hour! 5:30-7:00 pm</p>

LOCATIONS

CAMARENA MEMORIAL LIBRARY
850 Encinas Ave. | Calexico, CA | (760) 768-2170
library@calexico.ca.gov

Library Schedule

WEEK DAY	IN-PERSON	CURBSIDE
Monday thru Thursday	2:00-7:00 pm	9:00-1:00 pm
Friday (every other week)	12:00-5:00 pm	9:00-11:00 am



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BIBLIOTECA CAMARENA — CALENDARIO DE ACTIVIDADES



JULIO 2022



<https://spanish.calexicolibrary.org>

Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes
<p>Existe un "Oceano de Posibilidades" en tu Biblioteca! El ultimo día para registrarse en el Programa Familiar de Lectura de Verano es el lunes 25 de julio, 2022</p>				<p>1 CERRADO</p>
<p>4</p> <p>CERRADO</p>	<p>5</p> <p>DIA DE JUEGOS 1:00 pm, EDAD 6-12</p> <p>COMIDA GRATIS PARA LLEVAR 2:00 pm, EDAD 1-18</p> <p>TIEMPO DE BEBES 5:00 pm, EDAD 0-5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00 pm, EDAD 3-5</p> <p>VAMOS A CONOCER... RUBEN NAJERA "HISTORIETAS" 2:00 pm, TODAS LAS EDADES</p> <p>CLUB DE JOVENES 3:30 pm, AGES 13-17</p>	<p>7</p> <p>STEAM LAB 1:00 pm, EDAD 6-12</p> <p>VAMOS A PLATICAR GRUPO DE CONVERSACION 5:30 pm, 18+</p>	<p>8</p> <p>TIEMPO DE PINTAR 12:00 pm, EDAD 6-12</p> <p>HORA DEL CUENTO VIRTUAL 2:00 pm, EDAD 3+</p> <p>LIBROS HECHOS PELICULAS "THE JOY LUCK CLUB" 2:00 pm, 18+ (la película será transmitida en inglés)</p>
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UBICACIONES

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Horario

DIA DE LA SEMANA	EN-PERSONA	FOR ESTACIONAMIENTO
Lunes a jueves	2:00-7:00 pm	9:00-1:00 pm
Viernes (cada otra semana)	12:00-5:00 pm	9:00-11:00 am

CENTRO DE TECNOLOGIA CARNEGIE
420 Heber Ave. | Calexico, CA | (760) 357-5525
carnegie@calexico.ca.gov

CERRADO DURANTE EL VERANO



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Por su seguridad y la nuestra, le recomendamos el uso del cubre bocas cuando visite la biblioteca

From: Kristen Holmes <kristenc687@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 1:28 PM

To: Gabriela Garcia <ggarcia@calexico.ca.gov>

Subject: For Public Comment

My name is Kristen, and I have experienced the impact of your library all the way in Richmond, Virginia. I discovered Camarena Library in 2020 through its virtual programming and have attended with my toddler ever since. I have been beyond impressed with the quality of programs and resources at Camarena Library. Lizeth Legaspi has made the library a community hub for resources, change, and personal and community growth. It is a place of advocacy and belonging. There is programming for babies up to seniors, and even a special time catering to the social and sensory needs of autistic youth. If the Camarena Library team can do all of this now, you will surely be amazed by what you will see if you invest more for the future of your community.

During the past two years, Lizeth and the Camarena Library team have taught families so much.

- The link between physical fitness and mental health through virtual storytime and partnerships with Coach Jamie and the Calexico Rec Center.

They got the blood pumping and endorphins flowing in a time of crisis when what we needed more than anything was connection and love. They gave us both in abundance.

- Coach Jamie and Lizeth taught us to make our own fun affordably at home and the importance of moving and celebrating, even though things were tough.

- Lizeth taught children the importance of hand washing and wearing masks. She gave them a safe space to talk virtually about the changes they were facing.

- Trick or Treat safety with the Calexico Police Department

- Mental health awareness, coping strategies, local resources, and a safe place to share struggles through virtual events

- Patience, acceptance, determination, and a lifelong love of learning, by Lizeth's own example and through the wonderful collection of books and programming

- The power of representation, in books, in the vote, or simply in being seen and valued.

- ESL and citizenship classes

- conversation practice groups

- grants Lizeth has procured to expand the collection of multicultural books for kids

- representation of so many different cultures in storytime--Black, Hispanic, Southeast Asian, East Asian, and more.

- How kids can harness the power of kindness.

- The need to advocate for equality and empower others, even children, to advocate for themselves.

- Lizeth has taught children

- to embrace their feelings, to give and accept help, to strive for greatness

- to have empathy for others

- to get help if friends are facing abuse
- to never think that their skin color or upbringing, the languages they speak or don't, or even their immigration status, are their destiny. In doing so, she has taught us parents as well.

You have yet to witness the full impact of the work of Camarena Library in these two years alone. The impact will continue to be seen for decades to come, when these little people will be adults, reflecting on lessons learned through the books read, the events held, the experiences shared, and the examples seen now. They will have been inspired by people who look like them in stories, fictional and factual, so that they too can be the change they wish to see. These are the seeds of change that produce thriving communities.