BUENA PARK Library District

Milestones and Achievements 2025-2026

Secured $850,000 in federal Community Project Funding for the library's upcoming renovation through the support of Congressman Derek Tran, advancing critical facility improvements and enhancing services for the community.

Launched the *Libraries with Heart* partnership program in collaboration with the American Heart Association, increasing community access to preventive health resources through blood pressure monitor lending and connections to trusted health information and wellness services.

Worked across departments and with project partners to develop and execute the library's temporary relocation plan, securing a temporary facility and coordinating the inventory, storage, disposal, and relocation of furniture, equipment, and operational infrastructure. This collaborative and cost-effective effort ensures continued access to library resources and services during the renovation.

Participated in *One Book, One Coast*, the West Coast's largest community reading program, connecting local readers to a regional conversation around George Takei's memoir, *They Called Us Enemy*. Delivered programs for children, teens, and adults that explored themes of history, resilience, and civic engagement, highlighted by a well-received book discussion led by California State University, Fullerton professors Susan Y. Shimazu and Kristine Dennehy.

Strengthened community engagement through strategic partnerships and outreach initiatives, including *Coloring with a Cop* and *Lunch at the Library*, in collaboration with the City of Buena Park, the California State Library, and Centralia Elementary School District. Expanded the library's presence throughout the community through participation in citywide events such as Concerts in the Park, CultureFest, Super Senior Saturday, and Eggstravaganza, increasing awareness of library services and fostering connections with residents of all ages.

Completed a substantial policy development and revision initiative, updating numerous library and agency policies across governance, finance, human resources, patron services, collections, and operations. These efforts modernized organizational practices, strengthened compliance and accountability, and ensured policies remain responsive to current operational and community needs.

Secured and implemented two grant-funded initiatives that enhanced library services and expanded community access. The *Zip Books* grant enabled direct-to-home delivery of patron-requested materials, increasing convenience and access to collections, while the *Lunch at the Library* grant supported programming and book giveaways aligned with school district meal services, promoting literacy and engagement among youth and families.