



**TAKE NOTICE THAT A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LIBRARY BOARD
OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS
WILL BE HELD AT CITY HALL, COMMISSIONERS' ROOM,
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS
COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026**

In compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes annotated (Open Meeting Act), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LIBRARY BOARD OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS will be meeting in a regular called meeting to consider and discuss the following.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A) Roll call and possible action on the excusing of any absent member.

2. REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION:

A) Approval of minutes for January 15, 2026 — Regular Called Meeting

3. PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A) Library's Director's Report
- B) DRC Branch Manager's Report
- C) Reference Department Report
- D) Children's Department Report

4. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING

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I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of said Regular Meeting of the Library Board of the City of Pharr was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and on the City's web page at www.pharr-tx.gov. This Notice was posted on the 10th day of March 2026 at 3:00 p.m. and will remain posted continuously for at least three (3) business days preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting, in

AGENDA
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
March 19, 2026

compliance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated (Open Meetings Act).

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this 10th day of March 2026



ALESSANDRA GARCIA, CPM
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

I certify that the attached notice and agenda of items to be considered by the Library Board was removed from the bulletin board of City Hall on the ____ day of _____, 20__ by,

Name: _____

Title: _____



AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD

AGENDA ITEM #: 2.A.

DATE SUBMITTED: March 13, 2026

MEETING DATE: March 19, 2026

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Administration

DIRECTOR: Adolfo Garcia

Agenda Item: Approval of minutes for January 15, 2026 — Regular Called Meeting

Classification: Regular

(* If closed session, City Attorney must review and approve.)

Issue: N/A

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation: N/A

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

ROUTING:

LINDA DEL TORO

Adolfo Garcia

Created/Initiated - 03/13/2026

Final Approval - 03/13/2026

**PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026**

The Pharr Memorial Library Board held a regular called meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2026, and following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Olga Cardoza
Anita Vela
Dahnya Trejo
Rosana Gutierrez
Cristina Espinoza
Diana Cuevas
Delia Soza
Joly Sanchez
Iza Flores

MEMBERS ABSENT: Maricela Cortez

STAFF PRESENT: Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Linda Del Toro, Administrative Assistant
Jose M Singeltery, Branch Manager
Paola Del Angel, Reference Supervisor
Ruby Ramirez, Children's Supervisor

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A) ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT MEMBER.

Chairperson Olga Cardoza called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Chairperson Olga Cardoza moved to excuse absent board members. Board Member Cristina Espinoza seconded the motion, and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 2. REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR July 17, 2025 — REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Chairperson Olga Cardoza introduced the item.

Chairperson Olga Cardoza **moved** to approve minutes of January 15, 2025, as presented. Board Member Rosana Gutierrez seconded the motion, and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 3. PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A) LIBRARY'S DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairperson Olga Cardoza introduced the item.

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director, reported the Main Library's total door gate count was 57,074 and the Development and Research Center (DRC) gate count was approximately 5,841. He further reported circulation transactions at the Main Library were 15,152 and 2,035 at the Development Research Center.

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director, also reported that the revenues at the Main Library totaled \$10,438.39, and \$2,072 at the Development and Research Center, generated from faxes, copies, late fees and other services. He further reported on the budget, events, and future projects.

B) DRC BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

Jose Singleterry, Branch Manager, further reported on events that took place at the Development and Research during the months of November and December, which include Hidalgo County Elections Department, Nuestra Clinica del Valle Health Fair, Superior Health Insurance Health Fair, Pharr Health Department, City of Pharr Tamalada and Pharr Community Theater events.

C) REFERENCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Paola del Angel, Reference Department Supervisor, reported on events held for teens and adults in the Reference Department during the months of November and December. She further reported on the variety of events covered by her department.

D) CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruby Ramirez, Children's Supervisor, reported on events held for the children's department during the months of November through January. She provided statistical data and mentioned upcoming events.

ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Library Board, Chairperson Olga Cardoza **moved** to adjourn. Board Member Diana Cuevas seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Library Board

OLGA CARDOZA, CHAIRPERSON

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR**

ON THIS THE 15TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026, the Library Board of the City of Pharr, Texas, convened in a **REGULAR CALLED MEETING** at City Hall 2nd Floor, 118 S. Cage Blvd., the meeting being open to the public notice of the said meeting, giving the date, place and subject hereof, having been posted in accordance with chapter 551, Texas Government Code (Open Meeting Act) and there being a present quorum, **I, LINDA DEL TORO, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**, of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is true and correct copy of the minutes.

ATTEST:

LINDA DEL TORO
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

PPROVED DATE: _____



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

BOARD: PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.A.

DATE SUBMITTED: March 13, 2026

MEETING DATE: March 19, 2026

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Library's Director's Report

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

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Library Director's Report



Family Place Libraries
Building Foundations for Early Learning



Library Statistics FY '25- '26 YTD (end of February 2026)

Main Library Door Count	114,575
DRC Library Door Count	9,739
Total	124,314
Main Library Circulation	24,345
DRC Library Circulation	3,057
Total	27,402
Main Library Revenue	\$17,875.00
DRC Library Revenue	\$3,323.90
Café 121	\$10,291.70
Total	\$31,490.60

Library Budget FY '25-26

Amount Budgeted	\$1,630,500
YTD Expenses	\$585,042.36
Percent Used	36%

Library Recap

- **Budget in line with FY.**
- **Excellence in Libraries Award 2025**
- **Numerous programs hosted by Reference and Children's Dept.**
- **Departments will elaborate on successful programs**
- **Planned and executed Dr Seuss program**
- **Staff attending TLA end March**
- **Planning additional programs with MoSTH**
- **Planning poetry programs with Poet Laureate, Amanda Puryear El**
- **National Library Week April 19-25**

Budgeted Projects for main and DRC:

- **Update Library & DRC Landscaping (ongoing)**
- **Carpet Maintenance for DRC**
- **Updated all staff monitors**





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AGENDA ITEM #: 3.B.

DATE SUBMITTED: March 13, 2026

MEETING DATE: March 19, 2026

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: DRC Branch Manager's Report

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

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Events held at the DRC for the month of January 2026

Jan 8 – Customs and Border Protection

Jan 14 – Bridge Connect

Jan 20 - Pharr Events (Angels of Love Chalupa Y Chisme)

Jan 22 – Pharr Health Department Conversation Cafe

Jan 23 – Floor Strip and Wax



Events held at the DRC for the month of February 2026

Feb 5 – Customs and Border Protection

Feb 11 & 12 – Pharr HR (ESL Classes for Employees)

Feb 17 – Pharr Health Department Conversation Cafe

Feb 17 – Pharr Events (Healthier Texas : Zumba)



Feb 17 – 28 – Hidalgo County Elections Department (Early Voting)

Feb 18&19 - Pharr HR (ESL Classes for Employees)





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DATE SUBMITTED: March 13, 2026

MEETING DATE: March 19, 2026

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Reference Department Report

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

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TEEN AND ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS - REPORT

JAN - FEB 2026

TEENS (13 – 17)			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description / Purpose</i>	<i>Participants</i>
01/24/26	Switch Saturday	To gather and play different video games Promotes cognitive and social skills	3
02/10/26	Mini Conversation Hearts	Piñata-style mini décor and gift box craft	7
02/14/26	Mini Conversation Hearts (Grab&Go)	Piñata-style mini décor and gift box craft (available for pickup / self-paced)	8

ADULTS (18+)			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description / Purpose</i>	<i>Participants</i>
01/22/26	Conversation Café: Alzheimer's Support	Alzheimer's & Dementia support and resources for caregivers and family members. Led by Pharr Public Health Dept. and Nueva Luz Foundation.	13
Weekly – M	The Feel-Good Book Club	Encourages self-improvement and spirituality	8 high, 0 low, 5 avg 23 total
Daily Walk-ins + Weekly Appts – W	Computer Assistance	One-on-one help with computer and Internet basics.	Daily Walk-ins = 54 Weekly Appts = 40 Total = 94
Weekly – W	Montalvo Toastmasters	To learn and practice public speaking skills	9 high, 3 low, 6 avg 49 total
Weekly – W	NMJL American Mah Jongg Club	Tile-based board game of skill, strategy, and probability	8 high, 4 low, 7 avg 31 total
Weekly – Th	Club de Lectura (CLAAP)	Promotes self-help and peer-support	13 high, 4 low, 9 avg 62 total + virtual (7 avg)
Monthly - F	Animedia Book Club	Emerging patron-led initiative aiming to discuss anime, culture and storytelling	3 high, 1 low, 2 avg 5 total
Monthly - Sa	Thriller Book Club	To explore and enjoy the thriller genre	6 high, 6 low, 6 avg 12 total
Monthly - Sa	Consulado Info Sessions	McAllen's Mexican Consulate providing free information about their services	16

TEEN AND ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS - REPORT

JAN - FEB 2026

MIXED: TEENS & ADULTS (AGES 13+)			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description / Purpose</i>	<i>Participants</i>
01/06/26	Vision Board	Creating a vision board to reflect on the past year and set meaningful goals	10
01/13/26 01/14/26	Rubber Duck Hunt	Celebrating National Rubber Duck Day, participants found hidden rubber ducks and exchanged for a sweet treat	38 29
01/22/26	Resolution Tree	Creating a cardboard resolution tree to write goals for the new year	1
01/27/26	Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge	Celebrating National Puzzle Day, participants raced to complete puzzles	5
01/29/26	Meet the Author: Koby Almazan	Local writer, Koby Almazan, presented his YA fantasy novel, <i>Malora: Forged by Faith</i>	17
02/07/26	DIY Valentine Flowers	Celebrating Valentine's Day, participants created flowers out of pipe cleaners	9
02/14/26	Meet the Author: Janie Reyna	Retired PSJA teacher and Friend of the Library, Janie Reyna, presented her first children's storybook: <i>Frijolito Pinto and Arrocito Güero</i>	45
02/19/26	Yoga Class	Beginner-friendly intro to yoga session	7
02/21/26	Pokémon's 30 th Anniversary Celebration	Celebrating Pokémon's 30 th Anniversary with fun carnival-style games and prizes	30
Saturdays (2x)	Roll for Turaco RPG Club	Role-Playing board Game club that encourages imagination and storytelling	2 high, 0 low, 2 avg 2 total

FEATURED UPCOMING EVENT**Thursday, March 26th at 6:00 pm – Meet the Author: Samuel Shamoon**

Texas native Samuel Shamoon, will present his revised edition of *The Book of Proverbs of Joshua Ben Sirach, from the Ethiopian Bible*

Reference Team

Del Angel, Paola (Supervisor)	Enriquez, Julio (FT)
Martinez, Enrique (PT)	Salazar, Olivia (FT)
Torres, Mahalia (PT)	Valdes, Maria (FT)



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AGENDA ITEM #: 3.D.

DATE SUBMITTED: March 13, 2026

MEETING DATE: March 19, 2026

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Children's Department Report

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

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Children's

January 2026 – March 2026

Pharr Memorial Library + Development and Research Center Children's Department Report

Date:
March 19th, 2026

KEY INFORMATION

- **Program Statistics: January, February, March**
 - Monthly Division KPIs and Special Events/Programs
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- **Coming Up**
 - Events, Daily Programs and upcoming FY 2025 – 2026 Projects
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PROGRAM STATISTICS (PML & DRC)

- **January**
 - Impressions: 1,627
 - Programs: 99
 - General: 60 Toddler: 39
 - General Attendees: 349 Toddler Attendees: 338
 - Homeschool Hangout: 2
 - Homeschool Hangout Attendees: 50
 - Partners: **Su Casa De Esperanza, Texas A&M AgriLife, Chick-Fil-A of Pharr, City of Pharr's Parks & Recreation's Forestry Division, and Public Works Department**

- **February**
 - Impressions: 2,929
 - Programs: 98
 - General: 63 Toddler: 35
 - General Attendees: 438 Toddler Attendees: 414
 - Homeschool Hangout: 2
 - Homeschool Hangout Attendees: 60
 - Partners: **Su Casa De Esperanza, City of Pharr's EMS, Chick-Fil-A of Pharr, City of Pharr's Parks & Recreation's Forestry Division, and Public Works Department**

- **March (Projected)**

- Impressions: 3,500s
- Programs: 90s
- General: 50s Toddler: 30s
- General Attendees: 300s Toddler Attendees: 200s
- Special Events: 2 (Dr. Seuss Celebration and Easter Eggstravaganza)
- Homeschool Hangout: 2
- Homeschool Hangout Attendees: 80s
- Partners: **Su Casa de Esperanza, Museum of South Texas History, City of Pharr's Public Works Department, Chick-Fil-A of Pharr, City of Pharr's Parks & Recreation's Forestry Division and many more!**



COMING UP



- **Family Place Library Grant for South Branch/Development and Research Center, Exciting Homeschool Hangouts with Special Guests, & Holiday/Festivities**

- Homeschool Hangout (PML-DRC) Jan – May 2026
- Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration (DRC) Mar 5th, 2026
- Easter Eggstravaganza (Allen & William Arnold City/School Park) March 28th, 2026
- Pre-Earth Day Fest Activities (PML) Apr 20th-24th, 2026
- Summer Reading Program Launch Party (PML) May 16th. 2026
- Summer Reading Program (PML + DRC) May – Jul, 2026
- Summer Reading Program Completion Party (Pharr Aquatics Center) Jul 24th, 2026
- Pre-Avocado Fest Activities (PML) Oct 6th – 8th. 2026
- Haunted Trolley Tour (City of Pharr) Oct 20th, 2026
- Christmas Night at the Library (PML) Dec 17th, 2026

PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY PRESENTS

EASTER

• EGGSTRAVAGANZA •

MARCH 28, 2026

ALLEN & WILLIAM ARNOLD CITY/SCHOOL PARK
615 W Eldora Rd, Pharr, TX

Registration Starts: 9:00AM

EGG HUNT: 10:00AM

CARNIVAL RIDES • MOON JUMPS
PETTING ZOO • SNACKS
PRIZES • EASTER BUNNY



OVER 18,000 EGGS!



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