



**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 5:30 PM ON
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 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 March 19, 2026 - Regular Called Meeting
- B) Recognition of Partner Program Award by Girl Scouts Troop #054

3. PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

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

4. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING

City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 956-402-4200 Ext 1201 or FAX 956-475-3442 or Email cityclerksoffice@pharr-tx.gov for further information. Braille is not available.

AGENDA
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
May 21, 2026

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 12th day of May 2026 at 4:00 p.m. and will remain posted continuously for at least three (3) business days preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting, in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated (Open Meetings Act).

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this 12th day of May 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: May 12, 2026

MEETING DATE: May 21, 2026

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Administration

DIRECTOR: Adolfo Garcia

Agenda Item: Approval of minutes for March 19, 2026 — Regular Called Meeting

Classification: Regular

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

Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation: N/A

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

ROUTING:

LINDA DEL TORO

Adolfo Garcia

Created/Initiated - 05/12/2026

New -

**MINUTES
PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026
118 SOUTH CAGE 2nd FLOOR**

The Pharr Memorial Library Board met in a regular called meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2026, and following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Olga Cardoza
Anita Vela
Dahnya Trejo
Rosana Gutierrez
Cristina Espinoza
Joly Sanchez
Maricela Cortez
Itza Flores

MEMBERS ABSENT: Diana Cuevas
Delia Soza

STAFF PRESENT: Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Linda Coronado, Admin. Assistant
Itzel Camarena, Secretary
Ruby Ramirez, Children Supervisor
Paola Del Angel, Reference 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 5:30 pm. Roll Call established a quorum.

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

ITEM 2. REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION

A) Approval of minutes for January 15, 2025- Regular Called Meeting

Chairperson Olga Cardoza introduced item.

Chairperson Olga Cardoza **moved** to approve minutes as submitted. Board member Cristina Espinoza Seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 3. PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairperson Olga Cardoza introduced the item.

A) Library Director's Report

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director, reported the Main Library door count to 114,575 and Development Research Center door count was 9,739. He further reported on circulation transactions 24,345 at the Main Library and 3,057 at the Development Research Center.

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director also reported on the revenues for the Main Library were 17,875 and Development Research Center was 3,323.90.

B) DRC Branch Manger's Report

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director, reported on behalf of Jose Singleterry Branch Manager. Mr. Garcia reported the different events continuously happening at the Development and Research Center including Customs and Border Protection monthly meeting, Bridge Connect, Pharr Events, (Angels of Love Chalupa Y Chisme), Pharr Health Department Conversation Café, Pharr Events (Healthier Texas : Zumba), Hidalgo County Elections Department (Early Voting) and lastly Pharr HR (ESL Classes for Employees).

C) Reference Department Report

Paola Del Angel, Reference supervisor, reported on events held for teens and adults in the Reference Department for the months of January and February. She further reported on the variety of events for her department and how the department will implement 3D Printing.

D) Children's Department Report

Ruby Ramirez, Children's supervisor, reported statistical data and reported events held and their success. She further reported on future events to be held by the Children's department of the library.

ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Library Board, Chairperson Olga Cardoza moved to adjourn the meeting and board member Anita Vela seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

LIBRARY BOARD

Olga Cardoza Chairperson

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

ON THIS THE 19TH DAY OF MARCH 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 551k 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

APPROVED DATE: _____



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

BOARD: PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD

AGENDA ITEM #: 2.B.

DATE SUBMITTED:
MEETING DATE: May 21, 2026

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR: Adolfo Garcia

Agenda Item: Recognition of Partner Program Award by Girls Scouts Troop #054

Classification: Regular

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

Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

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Adolfo Garcia

Created -
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AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.A.

DATE SUBMITTED: May 12, 2026

MEETING DATE: May 21, 2026

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Library Director's Report

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

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Reason:

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Adolfo Garcia

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Pharr
Memorial Library



Library Board Meeting
May 21, 2026

Library Director's Report



Family Place Libraries
Building Foundations for Early Learning



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

Main Library Door Count	155,612
DRC Library Door Count	13,478
Total	169,090
Main Library Circulation	47,648
DRC Library Circulation	4,149
Total	51,797
Main Library Revenue	\$25,912.06
DRC Library Revenue	\$4,710.05
Café 121	\$15,170.15
Total	\$45,792.26

Library Budget FY '25-26

Amount Budgeted	\$1,630,500
YTD Expenses	\$870,404
Percent Used	53%

Library Recap

- **Successful programs with Poet Laureate, Amanda Puryear El**
- **NLW 2026 Recognition**
- **Successful programs hosted by Reference and Children's Dept.**
- **Historical Trolley Tours well received by the public**
- **Finalized SRP 2026 activities**
- **Staff attended TLA 2026**
- **Starting Budget Process for FY '26-'27**
- **Pathway to the Baldrige Award**

Budgeted Projects for main and DRC:

- **Update Library & DRC Landscaping (ongoing)**
- **AC & building maintenance**



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AGENDA ITEM #: 3.B.

DATE SUBMITTED: May 12, 2026

MEETING DATE: May 21, 2026

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: DRC Branch Manger'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 March 2026



March 2,3 – Hidalgo County Elections Department

March 5 – Pharr Library Dr. Seuss Celebration



March 10 – Customs & Border Protection (CBP)

March 13 – Arise Adelante (Celebracion, Dia Internacional De La Mujer)

March 16 – Pharr Parks & Recreation Dept. Healthier Texas Challenge (Zumba)

March 26 – Pharr International Bridge / Bridge Connect

Events held at the DRC for the month of April 2026

Apr 2 – Customs and Border Protection

Apr 8 – TxDOT Regional Freight Plan Workshop

Apr 17 – Avance Early Headstart Health Fair

Apr 23,24 – Pharr Community Theater



*For more information / Para más información:
Please visit our website: www.pharrcommunitytheater.com



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AGENDA ITEM #: 3.C.

DATE SUBMITTED: May 12, 2026

MEETING DATE: May 21, 2026

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Reference Department Report

Classification: Regular

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

Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

ROUTING:

LINDA DEL TORO
Adolfo Garcia

Created/Initiated - 05/12/2026
New -

I. STATISTICS

Info & Transactions = 2235 | Meeting Space Users = 1632 | Interlibrary Loans Received = 114; Sent = 52

II. PROGRAMS & EVENTS ATTENDANCE

A. Mixed (Teens & Adults 13+)

Twice a month (Sa) Roll For Turaco RPG Club = 7

03/06/26 Historical Trolley Tour = 21

04/11/26 Find a Hidden Egg = 35

03/12/26 DIY Mandala Tote Bag = 17

04/16/26 Tri-City Poetry Jam = 97

03/17/26 DIY Shamrock Keychain = 18

04/21/26 DIY Wind Chimes = 12

03/21/26 BTS Arirang Listening Party = 27

04/21/26 Memory Cafe = 12

03/26/26 Meet the Author: Samuel Shamoan = 10

04/30/26 Meditation Session = 7

B. Adults (18+)

Computer Assistance Daily Walk-ins = 52; Computer Assistance Weekly Appts. (W /M) = 26; Total = 78

03/27/26 Grand Terrace Outreach = 15

Weekly (W) NMJL American Mah Jongg Club = 41

Weekly (W) Montalvo Toastmasters = 80

Monthly (Sa) Consulado MX Info Sessions = 12

Weekly (M) The Feel Good Book Club = 45

Weekly (Th) CLAAP / Spanish Lang. Book Club = 79

Monthly (Th) South Texas Book Club = 60

Monthly (Sa) LiberArte Book Club = 14

Monthly (Sa) Thriller Book Club = 13

Monthly (F) Animedia Book Club = 3

C. Teens (13 – 17)

04/07/26 3D Printed Super Mario Keychains = 21

III. NEWS & UPDATES

Invited to serve on local committee for the Consulate General of Mexico's annual scholarship program.

Attended the Real Places conference in Austin, a statewide event on historic preservation and heritage tourism, to inform more engaging, place-based approaches for current programming.

Received a donated 3D printer from a patron and evaluating equipment updates.

05/16/26 is SRP Kickoff: Teens & Adults Escape Room, a timed, theme-based group challenge where participants solve clues, promoting critical thinking, teamwork, and intergenerational participation.

* For more information or additional details, contact the Reference Desk.



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

BOARD: PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY
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AGENDA ITEM #: 3.D.

DATE SUBMITTED: May 12, 2026

MEETING DATE: May 21, 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:

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

ROUTING:

LINDA DEL TORO
Adolfo Garcia

Created/Initiated - 05/12/2026
New -

Pharr Memorial Library & Development and Research Center Children's Division Report

KEY INFORMATION/PROGRAM STATISTICS

- **March**
 - Impressions: 5,259
 - Programs: 111
 - General: 72 Toddler: 39
 - General Attendees: 528 Toddler Attendees: 371
 - Special Events: 2 (Dr. Seuss Celebration and Easter Eggstravaganza)
 - Sponsors: **City of Pharr Mayor, Commissioners, Senior Leaders, and Vanguard Academy**
 - Partners: **City of Pharr's First Responders, Parks and Recreation, Special Events, along with Local Authors, and many more Community Partners!**
 - **April**
 - Impressions: 2,426
 - Programs: 95
 - General: 55 Toddler: 40
 - General Attendees: 257 Toddler Attendees: 480
 - Partners: **City of Pharr's Public Works Department, Chick-Fil-A of Pharr, City of Pharr's Parks & Recreation's Forestry Division and many more!**
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COMING UP

- **May**
 - Impressions: 3,500s
 - Programs: 97
 - General: 59 Toddler: 38
 - General Attendees: 300s Toddler Attendees: 400s
 - Special Events: 1 (Summer Reading Program 2026: Registration Day/Launch Event)
 - Sponsors: **Friends of the Library**
 - **Children in Nature/Nature Smart Library Program, Exciting Homeschool Hangouts with Special Guests, & Holiday/Festivities**
 - **Summer Reading Program Launch (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
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CHILDREN'S TEAM

- **Ruby Ramirez** | *Children's Programming/Events, Collaboration Opportunities, and Operations*
 - **Alex Mata** | *STEM Programming*
 - **Amelia Wright** | *Early Childhood Development and Children in Nature Programming*
 - **Analicia Torres** | *Pop Culture and Pre-Adolescents Programming*
 - **Valeria Fonseca** | *Pop Culture and Pre-Adolescents Programming*
 - **Julian Vela** | *STEM and Children in Nature*
 - **Vivianna Chavez** | *Early Childhood Development and STEM Programming*
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