

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

This season was all about connections, creativity, and community spirit at the Encinitas Library!

Our team stayed busy out in the community, from city advisory meetings to the Encinitas Street Fair and joining the celebration of the library's Green Building Ribbon-Cutting.

We also met with local partners and FOEL leadership to keep our projects running smoothly.



Inside the library, we welcomed visitors with warm hospitality, including a special tour for FOEL Bookstore volunteers and a lively visit from Assembly member Tasha Boerner's team.

Programs for adults brought plenty of color and conversation. **Adaptive Arts** inspired creativity, a **holiday floral class** added beauty to the season, and our very first **Resume Workshop** gave job seekers new confidence.

Book clubs (weekday and weekend) continued to bring readers together.



Youth and family programs were especially lively! Archaeology Dolls honored Indigenous History Month at the beginning of the month, while Toddler Tooth Storytime drew an amazing crowd of 60 smiling families.

Families in the **Middle Grade Book Club** got a fun preview of upcoming activities and experienced a fun Mystery meeting in December.

The Encinitas Library is piloting a **Winter Reading Challenge** with winter themed family programs, book review logs, and **prizes all sponsored by the FOEL.**



Workshops and special events kept the creative energy flowing. **The Día de los Muertos PomPom Marigold workshop** was a highlight, and two sessions of **Drawing Comics for Beginners** brought out budding artists of all ages. We even helped local partners gather supplies for community crafting events.

Library staff, along with staff from other branches, and intermittent workers, manned a booth and enjoyed a day near the beach for the **Encinitas Street Fair.**

Customers walked away with library information and **giveaways kindly provided by the FOEL.**



Behind the scenes, staff continued collaborating on branch operations, planning, and new initiatives, ensuring everything continues running smoothly for our community.

Summer Learning Planning is already underway!

We have big plans for 2026!

A few things to look forward to at the library are a visit from the **San Diego Archeology Center** in January, and the **Annual Local Author Showcase** in February.