



CITY *of* CALABASAS

**LIBRARY COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025, 6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
100 CIVIC CENTER WAY, CALABASAS, CA 91302**

CALL TO ORDER - OPEN SESSION – 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time the public may address the Library Commission on any matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Library Commission. The public will also be given an opportunity to comment on matters which are on the posted agenda during Library Commission deliberation on those specific matters.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are to be approved with one motion. Items may be removed from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration. Removed items will be considered immediately following approval of the Consent Calendar.

2. Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the Special Library Commission Meeting held September 15, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Recognition of Calabasas Library Teen Volunteers

Recommendation: Staff to present certificates of recognition to the Calabasas Library teen volunteers.

VERBAL REPORTS

4. City Librarian's Report

Calabasas Library Highlights

5. Event Calendar and Flyers

ADJOURN

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Posted: October 16, 2025

**MINUTES
LIBRARY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

President Parmar called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Student Commissioner Tchaprazian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Monica Parmar, Vice-President Laurel Ford; Commissioner Julie Shy-Sobol; Commissioner Stephanie Adams; and Student Commissioner Laricia Tchaprazian

Absent: Commissioner Mark Shear

Staff: City Librarian Barbara Lockwood; Deputy City Manager Michael McConville; Youth Services Librarian Kerrie Mierop; and Executive Assistant II Sarah Abdali.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Shy-Sobol moved, Vice President Ford seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Parmar welcomed everyone back from the summer break. Vice President Ford announced the upcoming Calabasas Film Festival.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-President Ford moved, Commissioner Adams seconded a motion to approve the June 16, 2025 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Youth Services Librarian Mierop presented a PowerPoint to give a detailed summary of the 2025 Summer Reading Program.

3. City Librarian Lockwood announced that The California Freedom to Read Act was signed into law in September 2024. She explained that the legislation requires libraries to submit their policies to the California State Librarian, incorporating specific language to ensure compliance. She recommended that the Library Commission adopt the newly revised policy, which was updated using a checklist provided by the State Library.

Commissioner Shy-Sobol moved, Vice President Ford seconded a motion to adopt the new City of Calabasas Library Collection Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

ORAL REPORTS

City Librarian Lockwood shared an update on the grants awarded to the City of Calabasas Library during Summer 2025.

President Parmar announced that the 3rd Annual Poker Tournament fundraiser, hosted by The Foundation for Las Virgenes Schools will take place on October 10, 2025.

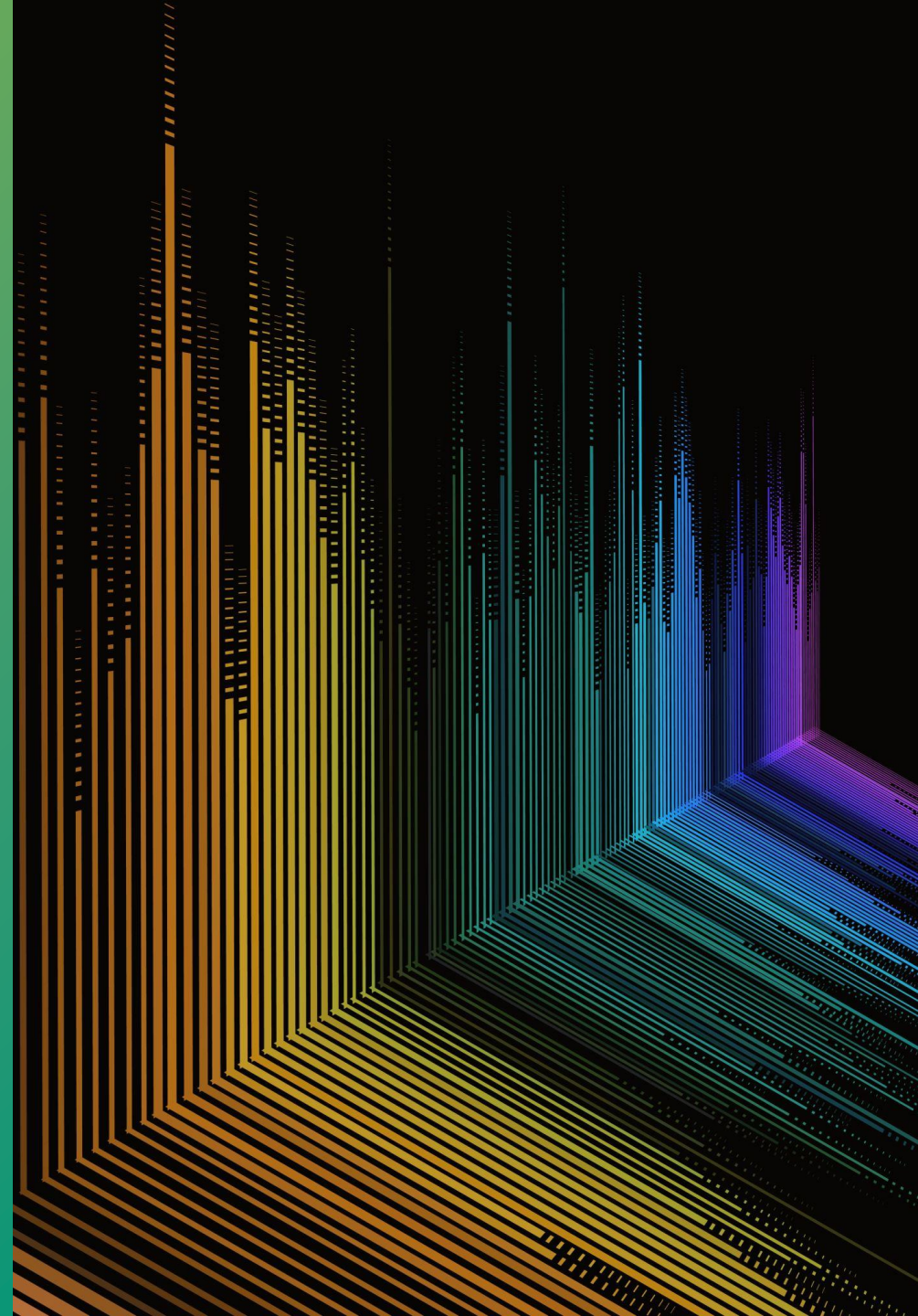
City Librarian Lockwood talked about the Library events.

ADJOURN

President Parmar adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 20, 2025.

RECOGNITION OF THE CALABASAS LIBRARY TEEN VOLUNTEERS

September 2024 through August 2025






Study Buddies Volunteers

- Shayan Farabi
- Sophia Kurciska
- Eden Mekonnen
- Patrick Mathews
- Judy Pei
- Tatiana Rosso
- Elena Sadeghi
- Abigail Smolyar
- Hayden Song
- David Wang



Writers'
Club
Volunteers

- Nika Aminian
 - Ava Netka
 - Shayna Steinberg
 - Lily Werve
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Teen Library Council

- Mirabel Albert
 - Nika Aminian
 - Arya Darbahani
 - Shayan Farabi
 - Patrick Mathews
 - Eden Mekonnen
 - Ava Netka
 - Sky Netka
 - Porter Nicholl
 - Judy Pei
 - Elena Sadeghi
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Teen Library Council

- David Simon
 - Abigail Smolyar
 - Hayden Song
 - Ellen Su
 - Jenna Summer
 - Tatiana Rosso
 - Shayna Steinberg
 - Laricia Tchaprazian
 - Haley Trang
 - David Wang
 - Harrison Wasser
 - Lily Werve
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Summer Reading Program Volunteers

- Shayna Abedi
- Sophia Afshar
- Mirabel Albert
- Nika Aminian
- Ariel Antes
- Brandon Ardalan
- Celine Bakhtiyari
- Rachael Barachina
- Brody Bejarano
- Caitlin Cheng
- Ash Chesed
- Morgan Dishlip
- Faith Dumke
- Evgeniya Ginzburg
- Iliana Goldberg
- Simona Haile
- Olivia Holzman
- Chloe Huston
- Melody Huston
- Arya Joshi

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Summer Reading Program Volunteers

- Sophie Katz
- Tess Latham
- Rachel Mathews
- Eden Mekonnen
- Alexa Navins
- Sunset Noonoo
- Nandini Sannidhi
- Arav Sharma
- Ashvika Sharma
- David Simon
- Hayden Song
- Shayna Steinberg
- Ellen Su
- Jenna Summer
- Laricia Tchaprazian
- Elon Van Pelt
- Harrison Wasser
- Kaizen Willenson
- Catherine Wu
- Emilie Yu



THANK YOU LIBRARY TEEN VOLUNTEERS

Presented by Karilyn Steward, Senior Librarian

Calabasas Library Highlights

Personnel Updates

- Two new hourly librarians have joined the team:
 - **Christal Mayorga**
 - **Kristen Comacho**

Programs & Community Engagement

- Regular programs continue:
 - **Study Buddies**
 - **PAWS to Read**
 - **Writers' Club**
 - **DIY Craft Event for Adults**
 - **Book Clubs for Adults**
- **Special Events & Highlights:**
 - **Pumpkin Patch Storytime Fall Series:** 433 children and adults attended to date.
 - **Author Visit:** Alka Joshi, author of *The Henna Artist*, joined the Tuesday evening book club.
 - **Film & Discussion:** Brian Rooney presented on Calabasas movie history.
 - **California Statehood Celebration:** Marked 175 years with a Special Collections Room event and children's craft.
 - **Historical Talk:** Mark Tapio Kines discussed the origins of LA street names, in partnership with Leonis Adobe Museum.

Library Usage Statistics

- Weekly Visitors: **1,270**
- Monthly Checkouts: **6,610 items**
- New Library Cards Issued: **220** (during Library Card Sign-up Month)

Calabasas Library Programs & Events

October 2025

◇ Adult Programming

- Wednesday, October 1 @ 5:30 pm DIY Craft Event for Adults: Button Art. Registration required.
- Tuesday, October 14 @ 5:30 pm Expert Insights into History Speaker Series: Film Director, Writer and Producer, Mark Tapio Kines, will discuss an ongoing project he launched in 2022 called L.A. Street Names.
- Wednesday, October 15 @ 11 am Wednesday Morning Book Club: *Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocumb
- Thursday, October 21 @ 5:30 pm Friends of the Library Annual Meeting
- Tuesday, October 21 @ 6 pm Tuesday Evening Book Club: *Fallen Star* release party with author Lee Goldberg. Mr. Goldberg will be interviewed by the USA Today bestselling author of the Robert B. Parker's *Buried Secrets*, Christopher Farnsworth. Registration is required.

◇ Children's Programming

- Thursdays, October 2, 9, and 16 @ 10:30 am Pumpkin Patch Storytime for 0-24 months
- Thursdays, October 2, 9, and 16 @ 11 am Pumpkin Patch Storytime for 2-4 years
- Saturday, October 4 @ 3:30 pm Writers' Club
- Tuesdays, October 7, 14, and 28 @ 4pm Online Study Buddies for students 8th grade and under. Visit our website to sign up. Registration required.
- Saturday, October 11 @ 11:30 am PAWS to Read. Registration required.
- Tuesday, October 21 @ 1 pm Fall Preschool Crafting Event: Create a pumpkin picture
- Friday, October 31 @ 10 am Children's Halloween Storytime

◇ Follow Us



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Library Academy

For more information, please call the library at (818) 225-7616
Calabasas Library, 200 Civic Center Way
<https://www.calabasaslibrary.org>



Friends of the Calabasas Library Annual Meeting

Join us on Tuesday,
October 21st, at 5:30 PM
in the Founders Hall.



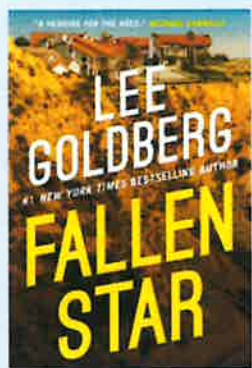
*Friends of the
Calabasas Library*

**The Friends of the Library is always
looking for volunteers and we are
looking forward to meeting you.
Please stay for our author event
featuring Lee Goldberg at 6:00 PM.**

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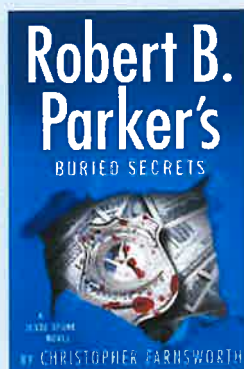
Join the Calabasas Library
Tuesday, October 21, at 6:00 p.m.
author Lee Goldberg will discuss his new
book, ***Fallen Star***.

Mr. Goldberg will be interviewed by fellow
author, Christopher Farnsworth.



Lee Goldberg is a two-time Edgar Award, two-time Shamus Award nominee and the #1 New York Times bestselling author of more than forty novels, including the Eve Ronin series and the Ian Ludlow series. He has written and/or produced many TV shows, including **Diagnosis Murder**, **SeaQuest**, and **Monk**, and is co-creator of the Mystery 101 series of Hallmark movies.

Christopher Farnsworth is the author of ***Robert B. Parker's Buried Secrets*** and seven other novels, including ***Flashmob*** and ***The President's Vampire***. His next novel, ***Robert B. Parker's Big Shot***, will be released on 2/10/26.



Reservations required,
please scan QR code



CALABASAS LIBRARY

STUDY BUDDIES

FREE

**VIRTUAL
TUTORING**

**Most Tuesdays
from 4-5 PM on
Zoom!**



**SIGN UP
NOW!**



Attention 3rd through 7th Graders!!

If you like creative writing
and hanging out with your friends,
then come to The Writers' Club!

Hosted by the Calabasas Library
and run by high school students.

No experience in writing is necessary...

This is just for fun!

This group meets the first Saturday of the month.

Upcoming meetings:

November 1

December 6

at 3:30pm

**We will meet on the outside patio.
Depending on weather, we will move inside.
Look for the signs in front of the Library!**

If you wish for your child to participate, you need to send your child's name,
school and grade to Karilyn Steward at ksteward@calabasaslibrary.org.

All meetings are an hour.



Calabasas Library
200 Civic Center Way
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PAWS to Read At the Calabasas Library

*Saturday, November 8th
from 11:30am to 1:30pm*

*Children grades K through 4th will be
able to read to a dog for 15 minutes.
Reservations are required. Please go to
calabasaslibrary.org calendar
to make your reservations.*



Pet Partners

*Calabasas Library
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PAPER PUMPKIN CRAFT

ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
FROM 1 TO 2 PM,
JOIN THE CALABASAS LIBRARY
IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM AND
CELEBRATE FALL BY
CREATING A
PAPER PUMPKIN PICTURE.

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT
CALABASASLIBRARY.ORG

SEE YOU THERE!




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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

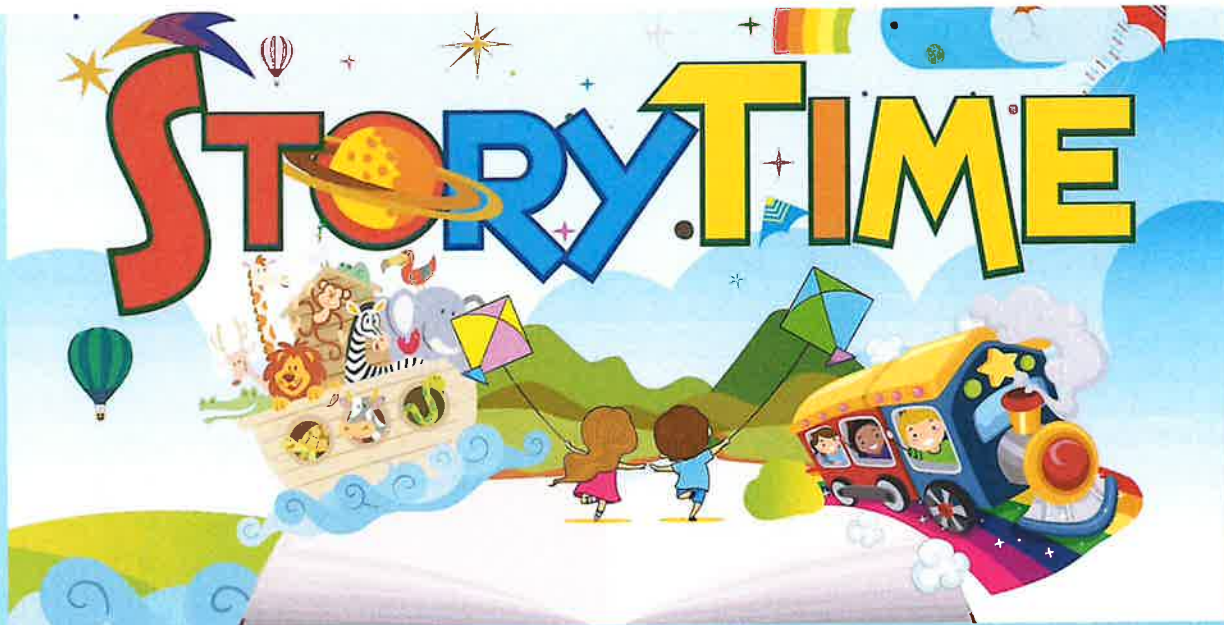
10/31/2025



JOIN US AT THE CALABASAS LIBRARY FOR
A HALLOWEEN STORY TIME
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 10AM
OUTSIDE AT THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
BEHIND THE LIBRARY

200 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, 91302
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TODDLER STORY TIME
AGES 2-4
STORIES & SONGS

WHEN: THURSDAYS, NOVEMBER 6TH THROUGH
DECEMBER 11TH -
NO STORYTIME NOVEMBER 27TH

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

WHERE: CALABASAS LIBRARY
200 CIVIC CENTER WAY
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

PLEASE NOTE: THIS EVENT WILL BE
ON A HARDWOOD FLOOR SO PLEASE BRING A
BLANKET TO SIT ON
QUESTIONS? CALL (818) 225-7616

STORY TIME



BABY LAPSIT STORY TIME UP TO 24 MONTHS STORIES & SONGS

WHEN: THURSDAYS, NOVEMBER 6TH THROUGH
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TIME: 10:30 A.M.

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