

Coachella Branch Library Summary

The Coachella Library continues to serve as a vital community hub by offering free, inclusive, and culturally responsive programming that supports literacy, education, family engagement, and community well-being. Through a diverse range of recurring programs, special events, and strategic partnerships, the Library reaches residents of all ages while fostering life long learning and meaningful community connections.

Throughout 2025, the Library successfully implemented a comprehensive slate of monthly, seasonal, and special programs with strong community participation. Literacy-focused offerings included Spanish Storytime with Sra. Maria, serving approximately 40 attendees each month while celebrating Mexican culture and bilingual literacy, and Baby Socials with Ms. Alondra, engaging 40–50 participants monthly through early literacy, socialization, and book distribution.

Educational and enrichment programming expanded through hands-on learning opportunities such as Robotics Hour, where youth learned programming and engineering skills, and Palm Springs Art Museum Day at Coachella, which introduced attendees to diverse art mediums through museum-affiliated artists. Additional educational programming included Digital Storytime with Animal Samaritans, combining literacy with lessons on humane animal care.

The Library hosted numerous high-attendance community and family events, including the Easter Eggstravaganza (approximately 150 attendees), Mother's Day Princess Party (60 attendees), Daddy Dino Party (60–70 attendees), Back to School Fiesta (approximately 250 attendees), Book or Treat Vendor Event (150 attendees), and a Holiday Party that brought families together for storytelling, crafts, and photos with Santa.

Major literacy and food security initiatives included the Summer Reading Program, featuring an eight-week series of performances and reading challenges, and Lunch at the Library, through which over 1,000 meals and more than 2,000 books were distributed to help families build home libraries and support little free libraries throughout Coachella.

Cultural enrichment remained a core focus through Author Talks with Victor Villaseñor and J.F. Whitaker, drawing over 200 attendees, as well as two free opera performances presented in partnership with the Palm Springs Opera Guild, expanding access to high-quality performing arts within the community.

In early 2026, the Library continued to elevate its cultural and educational impact by hosting a visit from Ms. Mexico, Coachella being her only stop in the United States, and welcoming a Hawaiian author who engaged residents in storytelling and educational discussions related to animal care.

Planned programming for 2026 builds on this success and includes Junk Journaling workshops, expanded Book Clubs now serving approximately 40 participants and uniquely allowing patrons to retain books to build home libraries, a Science Club offering safe hands-on experiments, two monthly Storytime for different age groups, and continued popular family events such as the Egg Hunt, Mother's Day Party, Father's Day Party, Back to School Fiesta, Book or Treat, and Holiday Party. County-wide grant-funded programs, including the Summer Reading Challenge and Lunch at the Library, will continue, ensuring effective use of external funding while maximizing community benefit.

Overall, the Coachella Library remains committed to collaboration, cultural inclusion, and responsive programming that aligns with City priorities and meets the evolving needs of the community.

