



A G E N D A
CITY OF SEASIDE
ART AND HISTORY
COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING
HYBRID (VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON)
986 HILBY AVE (SEAHORSE ROOM)
Tuesday, August 9, 2022
5:45 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Emerson Brown	Chair
Francoise Avery	Vice Chair
Janie Silveria	Commissioner
Yollette Merritt	Commissioner
Madison Hare	Commissioner

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required).

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR COMMISSIONS

Members of the public wishing to address the Commission on matters within the jurisdiction of the City of Seaside, but not on this agenda, may do so during the Public Comment period for up to three (3) minutes. Comments on specific agenda items are heard under that item. For the public record, please state your name.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. JUNE 14TH, 2022

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND SOLIDIFY AGENDA SETTING PROTOCOLS

B. REVIEW THE FISCAL YEAR 22/23 BUDGET AND DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WORK PLAN.

C. DISCUSS THE ART AND HISTORY COMMISSION PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL ON JULY 21, 2022

7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

A. REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER MERRITT

8. STAFF COMMUNICATION

A. STATUS ON THE FIRE STATION MURAL PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

9. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:
SEPTEMBER 23, 2022
5:45 PM

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**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 5.A.

TO: Art and History Commission

BY: Kee Hyon Higgins, Recreation Supervisor

DATE: August 9, 2022

SUBJECT: JUNE 14TH, 2022

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes from the June 14, 2022 commission meeting.

BACKGROUND

The commission met on June 14, 2022, the minutes are attached.

ATTACHMENTS

1. SAHC_MINUTES_06142022
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MINUTES

**CITY OF SEASIDE
ART & HISTORY COMMISSION**

**SPECIAL MEETING
Oldemeyer Center
986 Hilby Avenue
June 14th, 2022
5:45 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:48PM

2. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

- Emerson Brown	Chair	Excused
- Francoise Avery	Vice-Chair	X
- Madison Parker	Commissioner	X
- Yollette Merritt	Commissioner	X
- Janie Silveria	Commissioner	X

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 8th, 2022

Motion: Parker, 2nd: Silveria, Passes unanimously

5. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

6. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A- Review of Ord, 1094

- Staff presented a review of the ordinance 1094 that explains the purview of the commission

B- Discuss BBD handbook and Code of Ethics

- Staff presented the latest version of the code of ethics for boards and commissions.
- Commissioners received a copy of the handbook for review.

C- Review and discuss presentation on the status of the city's archives

- Commissioners presented on the outline they are putting together for the presentation to the City Council for revamping the archives
- The 21st of July is the meeting where it will be presented

7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

A- Seaside International Day – Merritt

- Commissioner Merritt reported on her attendance to the first Seaside International Day event.

B- Seaside Blues Festival - Merritt

- Commissioner Merritt shared the flyer for the upcoming 35th annual Sunday Blues In the park

C- Seaside Library Summer Reading Program Art & History – Merritt

- Commissioner Merritt shared information on the Library's Summer Reading program

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF:

- Staff announced that council will be voting to allow hybrid meetings again, which would allow the commission to return to hybrid zoom meetings.
- Staff announced that the city council will vote this week to approve the contract for the new city manager
- Central Coast Art Association is currently showing in Avery Gallery
- Padre Trails Camera Club will be the next exhibit
- Sandra Gray will be out for the following few weeks.
- Monterey County Artists Studio Tour has rented a room in Oldemeyer for a Seaside Artist Exhibit
- Discussed possibility of SAHC tabling at Blues in the Park to recruit new commissioners
- Discussed Juneteenth celebrations happening in Seaside

9. ADJOURNMENT: 6:46pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Sarah Lauren Tier, SAHC Clerk

Emerson Brown, SAHC Chair

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

August 9th, 2022

Time: 5:45 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

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CITY OF SEASIDE STAFF REPORT

Item No.: 6.A.

TO: Art and History Commission

BY: Kee Hyon Higgins, Recreation Supervisor

DATE: August 9, 2022

**SUBJECT: REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND SOLIDIFY AGENDA SETTING
PROTOCOLS**

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

To review and discuss how the commission submits items, the number of items, and item relevancy for the agenda.

BACKGROUND

Per Vice Chair Avery's Request:

Would like to add a business item to discuss and ratify the entire agenda format. The guidelines would assist the commission with being in sync with the other city commissions.

- 1) 1 business item per commissioner
- 2) 1 commissioner report per commissioner
- 3) take a vote if anyone wants to add an additional item to the agenda that needs to be addressed immediately
- 4) chair and liaison will only allow items on the agenda pertaining strictly to the city's Seaside Art and History Commission
- 5) 5 minute time limit per commissioner- meetings should last 1 hour or less.

Further this cements the notion that the Commission is respectful of everyone's time and values commissioner reports.

ATTACHMENTS

None



CITY OF SEASIDE STAFF REPORT

Item No.: 6.B.

TO: Art and History Commission

BY: Kee Hyon Higgins, Recreation Supervisor

DATE: August 9, 2022

SUBJECT: REVIEW THE FISCAL YEAR 22/23 BUDGET AND DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WORK PLAN.

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

Review the FY 22/23 budget and the work plan.

BACKGROUND

The City Council approved the FY 2022 / 2023 budget. The Art and History Commission has requested to review the commission's allocations, and how it impacts the work plan.

ATTACHMENTS

1. SAHC 2223 budget docs
 2. SAHC work plan
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City of SEASIDE



Adopted 2022-2023 Annual Budget

MANAGING DEPARTMENT: City Manager**Art & History Commission**

Account	Account Name	FY2021 Actual	FY2022 Adjusted Budget	Activity thru 03/10/2022	FY 2022 Projected	FY 2023 Request
100-1320-3095	DEPARTMENT CONSUMABLES	\$ 13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500
100-1320-7300	HISTORICAL MARKERS	-	1,200	-	1,200	-
100-1320-7301	ART INSTALLATION/MURAL	-	3,800	-	3,800	-
	CENTRAL SERVICES AND INTERNAL CHARGES	903	730	-	730	-
Total		\$ 916	\$ 5,730	\$ -	\$ 5,730	\$ 3,500

MANAGING DEPARTMENT: Recreation**Recreation & Parks Commission**

Account	Account Name	FY2021 Actual	FY2022 Adjusted Budget	Activity thru 03/10/2022	FY 2022 Projected	FY 2023 Request
100-1330-3095	DEPARTMENT CONSUMABLES	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,636	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Total		\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,636	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500

MANAGING DEPARTMENT: Fire**Homeless Committee**

Account	Account Name	FY2021 Actual	FY2022 Adjusted Budget	Activity thru 03/10/2022	FY 2022 Projected	FY 2023 Request
100-1340-1024	COMMUNITY SUPPORT	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,831	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000
100-1340-3095	DEPARTMENT CONSUMABLES	-	500	-	500	500
	CENTRAL SERVICES AND INTERNAL CHARGES	-	1,104	-	1,104	-
Total		\$ -	\$ 6,604	\$ 2,831	\$ 6,604	\$ 3,500

MANAGING DEPARTMENT: Building and Code Enforcement**Neighborhood Improvement Commission**

Account	Account Name	FY2021 Actual	FY2022 Adjusted Budget	Activity thru 03/10/2022	FY 2022 Projected	FY 2023 Request
100-1350-2053	OUTSIDE PRINTING SERVICE	\$ 305	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
100-1350-3095	DEPARTMENT CONSUMABLES	156	500	-	500	500
100-1350-7169	NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS	10,969	277,024	42,982	107,993	257,097
	CENTRAL SERVICES AND INTERNAL CHARGES	4,110	6,609	-	6,609	679
Total		\$ 15,541	\$ 284,133	\$ 42,982	\$ 115,102	\$ 258,276

MANAGING DEPARTMENT: City Manager
City Manager Administration

Account	Account Name	FY2021 Actual	FY2022 Adjusted Budget	Activity thru 03/10/2022	FY 2022 Projected	FY 2023 Request
100-2010-0001	SALARIES	\$ 200,884	\$ 422,783	\$ 280,341	\$ 462,264	\$ 575,578
100-2010-0002	OVERTIME	-	-	24	24	-
100-2010-0020	PART-TIME HOURLY WAGES	137	-	-	-	-
	BENEFITS	142,955	176,189	162,811	239,850	345,957
100-2010-1024	COMMUNITY RELATIONS	15,000	25,000	3,260	15,760	40,000
100-2010-1029	TRAINING & EDUCATION	-	7,500	2,222	5,972	7,500
100-2010-1030	CONSULTANT	-	35,000	6,318	23,818	190,453
100-2010-1033	FITNESS PROGRAM	45	500	450	655	2,025
100-2010-2044	COPIER SERVICES	-	800	95	495	2,000
100-2010-2053	OUTSIDE PRINTING SERVICE	-	200	-	100	1,000
100-2010-3095	DEPARTMENT CONSUMABLES	282	1,200	1,819	2,419	5,000
100-2010-4121	MEETINGS & TRAVEL	-	7,500	756	4,506	7,500
100-2010-4122	DUES & MEMBERSHIP	900	5,000	499	2,999	3,000
100-2010-4123	BOOKS & PERIODICALS	-	250	-	125	500
100-2010-4124	MAIL SERVICES	-	2,000	-	1,000	1,000
100-2010-7171	COMMISSION ACTIVITIES	-	-	-	-	17,500
100-2010-8187	DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT	-	5,000	33	2,533	8,000
	CENTRAL SERVICES AND INTERNAL CHARGES	(389,068)	(458,224)	7,867	(458,224)	(359,722)
Total		(\$ 28,865)	\$ 230,699	\$ 466,494	\$ 304,295	\$ 847,292



Art and History Commission Work Plan

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Commission Members

Emerson Brown, Chair

Francoise Avery, Vice Chair

Janie Silveria, Commissioner

Yollette Merritt, Commissioner

Madison Parker, Commissioner

Vacancies as of April 1, 2022:



MISSION STATEMENT:

To advise the City of Seaside in the advancement, preservation and protection of Historical and Cultural heritage so that this and future generations may know and appreciate the historical resources, places, people, events and the arts which represent the City of Seaside.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The Seaside Art Commission was created by Ordinance 70, on May 17, 1956, two years after the City of Seaside was incorporated.

The Seaside History Commission was established by the adoption of Ordinance 593 on October 15, 1981.

These two Commissions were combined to form the Seaside Art & History Commission in 2010 by ordinance number 986.

According to the City ordinance, "The Art and History Commission shall have the power, and it shall be the duty of the commission to make recommendations to the City Council and to advise the council in the following matters:

- A. Pertaining to the encouragement of the arts, crafts and historical activities;
- B. Pertaining to the promotion of programs of artistic merit within the city;
- C. Pertaining to the collection, promotion, display and preservation of Seaside's historical artifacts;
- D. Designate, protect, preserve, enhance and perpetuate those structures and areas of historical, architectural and engineering significance;
- E. Encourage the city systematic collection and preservation of Seaside's historic records and manuscripts. (Ord. 986 § 3, 2010)"



FISCAL YEAR 2022 - 2023 WORK PLAN

ARTS FOCUSED PROJECTS

- Art exhibitions: organize and present art exhibits at the Walter Avery Gallery, the premier art space on the Peninsula
 - Black History Month Exhibit (January – February 2023)
 - Youth Art Competition (March - May 2023)
 - Adult Art Competition (Fall 2023)
 - Mini exhibits (Dates TBD)
 - Local Art Organization Exhibits 3x per year.
- Poetry: designate Seaside Poet Laureate & Youth Poet Laureate
 - Recommend to Seaside City Council to designate a City Poet Laureate and Youth Poet Laureate
 - Develop and recommend plan to City Council to set aside funds to celebrate the Seaside with Poetry during National Poetry Month 2023 and annually if possible
 - Incorporate poetry from Laureate into Avery Gallery exhibition opening events and other city events
- Public Art: Pair building owners and artists
 - Recommend to City Council that Seaside send out solicitations to city building owners interested in hosting public art
 - Once inventory established, recommend to City Council that funds allocated and RFP process developed for artists to propose art projects for available sites

HISTORY FOCUSED PROJECTS

- Collaborate with Monterey Peninsula College Library and Monterey County Free Libraries in outreach and program planning for our California Revealed Digital collections.
- Work with CSUMB on annual series Seaside Voices Oral Histories.
- Represent Seaside on area history groups: Archives Round Table, Monterey County History Advisory Commission, and Monterey Bay Heritage Area planning group.
- Have all oral history tapes located in Seaside archives digitized to ensure preservation.



- Continue to advocate for a building to become a City museum, art gallery, or cultural center, archive storage and workspace to preserve the City's history, archives and artifacts, enabling us to accept donations of family papers and historical materials.

ARTS & HISTORY PROJECTS

- Submit recommendations to the City Council for proclamations related to Arts and History including but not limited to:
 - October designated as National Humanities Month
 - Proclamations honoring the work of retired Art and History Commissioners.
 - Black History Month
 - World Art Day (April 15th)
 - National History Day (June 2023)



ARTS & HISTORY GOALS:

1. Explore funding possibilities for commission goals.
2. Maintain a professional, active & educated Art & History Commission for the City of Seaside.
3. Identify, protect, preserve, enhance historic & art resources.
4. Continually support & expand public awareness of Seaside's history, culture and the arts.
5. Recruit, support and promote the exhibition of the arts within the City of Seaside.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS (March 2021 – March 2022):

Added virtual art viewing of several art shows from the Walter Avery Gallery including:

- [Art as Healing Intervention](#)
- [Padre Trails Camera Club "Look at Seaside"](#)
- [Youth Art Collective Mentors Show](#)
- [Black History Month Virtual Exhibit](#)

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, a multitude of projects from the 2021-2022 work plan was placed on hold or moved to the 2022- 2023 work plan. The commission has voted unanimously to meet monthly in order to build momentum and progress the work plan forward, as meeting quarterly was prohibitive.

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Account Number	Activity Description	FY 2022	FY2023 Requests
100-1320-3095	Dept. Consumables	-	\$1,200
100-1320-7171	Commission Activities -Digitization of Oral Histories - Poet Laureate Program - Rebooting the Archival Program	-	\$1,300 \$5000
100-1320-7300	Historical Markers -Placed on hold to explore impacts on Seaside	\$1,200	-
100-1320-7301	Art Installation / Public Art Program -Fire Station Mural Project - Gallery Exhibit Installation Costs	\$3,800 \$15,000 *NIC REC*	\$2,500 \$10,000 *NIC TOT Recommendation
Totals		\$5,000	\$20,000





**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 6.C.

TO: Art and History Commission

BY: Kee Hyon Higgins, Recreation Supervisor

DATE: August 9, 2022

**SUBJECT: DISCUSS THE ART AND HISTORY COMMISSION
PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL ON JULY 21, 2022**

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

Discuss the July 21, 2022 archives presentation.

BACKGROUND

Commissioner's Avery and Silveria presented to Council on July 18, 2022. They discussed the status of the archives and requested that the City devise a plan for archive preservation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Archives Presentation
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City of Seaside Art & History Commission

Item 7.C

Presentation to Seaside City Council

July 21, 2022

WHO: Seaside Art & History Commission

- Established in 2010 [combination of two groups, Art Commission and History Commission]
- Art and History Commission advises and facilitates the protection of the City's cultural resources including the collection, promotion, display and preservation of Seaside historical artifacts, and encourages and promotes programs of artistic merit.
- Presenters: Francoise Avery & Janie Silveria, longest serving Commissioners

What: Seaside History Archives

- Important materials such as photos, documents, maps, scrapbooks, Seaside newspapers since 1950s
- Special collections such as:
Ethnic Portraits



Akin Miller African Art



However, these materials are inaccessible due to current storage conditions/issues:

- Steep stairwell access (not ADA-accessible)
- Lack of proper ventilation within the space
- Lack reasonable work surfaces to properly catalog archive materials





When: Brief Timeline of “The Hunt”

- 1990s -2015 Materials collected by History Commission, kept at LaSalle House.
- 2015 LaSalle house sold, archives moved to storage in Oldemeyer.
- 2016- 2018 Explored options for using part of Chamberlin Library for archives.
Letters exchanged with Army, no progress with former City Manager.
- 2019- 2020 Contracted with Lori Lindberg, Archivist for Archives Processing Plan.
Some recommendations implemented – new shelving installed.
Sandra Gray consults with City staff about adding modular building.
- 2020-2021 Pandemic stops all activity on this matter.
- 2022 Commission resumes The Hunt for archival solutions!

Where: Potential Locations

- LONG TERM VISION: Seaside Cultural Center, Museum & Archive
- SHORT TERM RELOCATION OPTIONS:
 - Install modular building on City property
 - Lease office space in town
 - Reopen negotiations with Army re Chamberlin Library
 - Open to other ideas!
- Whatever space is chosen, need to contract with professional archivist

Why and How: Our Recommendations

- Pressing need to **preserve Seaside history** and **make it accessible**
- Seaside Art & History Commission respectfully requests that City Council support these needs, and direct City staff to investigate and implement options.
- Recommend a follow-up report with options and costs be prepared by the end of 2022, with an implementation goal of 2023.

THANK YOU!!

Questions



CITY OF SEASIDE STAFF REPORT

Item No.: 7.A.

TO: Art and History Commission

BY: Kee Hyon Higgins, Recreation Supervisor

DATE: August 9, 2022

SUBJECT: REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER MERRITT

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND

Commissioner Merrit would like to report on the following items:

1. Sunday Blues
2. Seaside Library History
3. Fort Ord Monument National Monument Pathway
4. Command History Office

ATTACHMENTS

1. CMerrit Report
 2. Seaside Library history tri fold
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Presidio of Monterey ✓

July 12 at 5:00 PM · 🌐

Today, Mayor Ian Oglesby of the City of Seaside presented Cameron Binkley, command historian for the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, with a proclamation thanking him and the Command History Office for the work they've done collecting, documenting and preserving the city's history. Well-preserved history is important, Oglesby said, because it allows us to explain where we came from and guide where we're going. "It's so important, the work that you do," Oglesby told Binkley. "Thank you."

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Command History Office

WHEREAS, the Command History Office with a major site at the Chamberlain Library in the City of Seaside serves as the key collection, documentation, and preservation agency for many aspects of history of the Seaside community; and

WHEREAS, the Command History Office continues in its efforts to preserve the local history including the digitization of the local Seaside Post newspaper, local archives, and family history records; and

WHEREAS, the Command History Office offers community access with robust online presence as well as research visits and school tours.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, The Honorable Ian M. Oglesby, Mayor of the City of Seaside, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby commend the Command History Office for its ongoing work contributing to the preservation of the



35th Annual **SUNDAY BLUES IN THE PARK** 2022

07/10 Kaye Bohler
DEANNA BOGART 

07/17 Stu Heydon
MZ. HONEY
& THE JIMI JAMES BAND 

07/24 red beans & rice
DEBBIE DAVIES 

07/31 Brad Wilson
NIKI J CRAWFORD 

08/07 Laurie Hofer Romero & Blueshift
BLUES IS A WOMAN
FT. PAMELA ROSE 

1:00PM to 4:30PM

Seaside Celebrates **Women in Blues** Laguna Grande Park



With a Monterey County Free Libraries library card you can...

- Borrow books, movies, and talking books
- Use a computer
- Download eBooks and eAudiobooks to your personal device
- Get a free aquarium pass during the season

But did you know that even without a library card you can...

- Print, fax, and scan documents
- Get help with your homework
- Attend free programs

So why wouldn't you want a free library card?



Monterey County Free Libraries
Seaside Branch
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Monterey County Free Libraries Seaside Branch



CELEBRATING 91 YEARS!



SEASIDE BRANCH LIBRARY

1930 2021



1912

Anne Hadden is the first librarian for Monterey County Free Libraries, establishes branches throughout Monterey County.



1930

Emerson Branch of the Monterey County Free Libraries is founded by members of the Emerson Library Club. It is located in the Methodist Church Social Hall at 4th St. & Elm St. Marie Chapman is hired to be the first librarian.

1932

Emerson Library Club buys the lot across the street from the church for the future permanent location of the Emerson Branch.

EMERSON
LIBRARY



1935

Blanche E. Smith hired as Emerson Branch librarian, serves until Dec. 1957.

1937

Pacific Grove building purchased for \$300 by the Emerson Library Club.

1938

Building moved to lot purchased by the Emerson Library Club and remodeling begins.

1947

Top floor of the building is turned over to the Monterey Bay Grange. Basement becomes location of the Emerson Branch Library.

1954

City of Seaside incorporated on Oct. 13.

1958

900 books per month are checked out at Emerson Branch Library.



1960

Urban renewal begins. 270 homes removed to make way for the auto center in Seaside.

1968

6,000 books per month are checked out at Emerson Branch Library.

A \$400,000 bond is approved by Seaside voters to build a new library.

1974

In July ground is broken at 550 Harcourt Ave. for the new 10,000 sq. feet Seaside Branch Library.

1975

August 25, doors open at the new library. It is named Gordon R. Forrest Library for the late Seaside City Manager.

1978

Passage of Proposition 13. The County cuts staff and hours at the Seaside Library to 30 hours a week, staffed by 2 employees. Hours restored to 56 hours per week in September.

1979

Friends of the Gordon R. Forrest Library formed to support the library.



1987

Adult Literacy Program is established at Seaside Library.

1989

MCFL System Reference is moved to Seaside branch.

1992

After-school Homework Center for students opens at Seaside Branch

1994

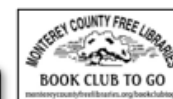
Library is computerized using ~~Dunox~~ Integrated Library System. All materials and library cards now have barcodes. Volunteers are trained to teach patrons how to use computers.

2007

Free WiFi service for the public is made available at Seaside Branch.

2008

Book Club to Go Program starts at Seaside Branch.



2011

Downloadable eBooks and audiobooks are added to the library collection.

2014

Annual circulation for Seaside Branch Library is 117,129 transactions.

2020

Seaside Branch Library reaches 90th birthday.

Branch Managers of the Seaside Branch Library

1930 – 1935	Marie Chapman	1982 – 1992	Rosy Brewer
1935 – 1957	Blanche E. Smith	1992 – 1996	Steven <u>Silveria</u>
1958	<u>Dorolyn Zimmerman</u> , Ellen Jean Barnes	1996 – 1999	Bill Rawson
1958 – 1967	Mabel Milton	1999 – 2001	Myra Kong
1967-1975	Dorothy Carnie	2002 – 2006	Leslie Payne
1975-1978	Paul <u>Knoblich</u>	2006 – 2008	Crista <u>Cannariato</u>
1978 – 1982	Dorothy Carnie	2008 – 2017	Sharon Coronado
		2018 -- 2021	Beata Obydzinski