

City of Long Beach, City Auditor



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Free Student Resources at Our Libraries

Here's the thing, you don't need to know everything. You just need to know where to find it. And in the words of Albert Einstein, *"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."*

As the new school year is now in full swing, there are many challenging, yet exciting learning assignments including projects, research papers, and tests for students. So, where is the best place to get down to work on these school assignments or find a quiet place to study? Long Beach's Billie Jean King main library and its many neighborhood branch library locations offer welcoming places with many incredible resources including materials, technology, and study spaces perfect for students and their families as they tackle school work.

Knowing how important libraries and their resources are to all residents, we conducted an audit on Library Services to assess the equity and effectiveness of Long Beach's library materials, services, and programs. Our audit found our libraries offer many valuable services for students such as free literacy programs, homework assistance, school supplies, and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) programs. The Long Beach Public Library Foundation's President Ryan Ballard emphasized the Library's resources for students and families saying, "Today's Library does much more than exist as a repository for books. Our Family Learning Center Programing available at the Billie Jean King Main Library and neighborhood library branches provide many valuable resources such as one-on-one homework help and online educational databases and lessons which are available for students of all ages, whether they would like to learn a new language or research their own genealogy."

However, our audit also found the Library could improve by promoting its educational services, adjusting open hours to meet the needs of students and their families, and expanding material resources. The Library along with supporting organizations including The Long Beach Public Library Foundation and Friends of the Long Beach Public Library were instrumental in coming together to request more funding so our recommendations could be implemented. Due to these efforts, the City has increased funding of over \$2 million for more open hours and materials at our libraries. This allows students and their families increased access to the critical educational resources the Library has to offer.

So, whether students are looking for a book on a specific subject matter, need additional hands-on homework help, have to look up online sources or print out study materials, or just want a quiet space to concentrate, it can all be found at a nearby library location. Find a library location and its offerings by you at LBPL.org.

City of Long Beach, City Prosecutor



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Prosecutor Interns Learn about Law

This summer the Long Beach City Prosecutor's office again hosted an amazing class of interns.

As with previous years, it was difficult to select only 14 interns for the Summer 2022 CP Internship. With backgrounds in leadership, academics, science, and diverse interests, this was another extraordinary group.

This year, the interns surprised us with how quickly they became an independent, social unit. They recognized the diversity of their class and organized a potluck where each intern brought food that was culturally significant to them, turning lunch into a learning experience.



Summer Interns 2022 (back) Chance Sinerius, Miles Perry, Alofaifo Faleono, (from left to front) Andrew Fierro, Maya Bailey, Christina Ayon, Karis Chapple, Ashley Islas, Isaias Perez. Not in photo: Mai Vu, Guadalupe Jeronimo, Valerie Ramos, Aracely Asis and Jasmine Lyla

Interns learn from legal professionals like Deputy District Attorney Lucrezia Pratico, Judge Andrea Davalos, and Environmental Attorney Tracy Egoscue. They also heard from FBI agents, Firefighters, U.S. Army leaders, and Customs Agents, and crime lab technicians.

It is important that they learn about Long Beach as a community, so speakers from the Port of LB, the Long Beach Airport, Los Cerritos Wetlands, and LB Marine and Safety. These are only a few of the speakers and institutions that give time to our students.

A new element was added to the internship when our interns joined Cabrillo High School's Forensic Class, headed by teacher (and also attorney) Scott Newman, for a one-day mock trial. Deputy City Prosecutor James Young led the exercise which gave Cabrillo HS students a hands-on experience while interns learned the mechanics of evidence.

The office owes a debt of gratitude to CP employees Sherri Seldon, Michelle Fajardo and Eliseo Perez for organizing the internship.

For more information about the City prosecutor's summer internship program, visit: <https://cityprosecutordoughaubert.com/student-internships/>