

DONORS DOUBLE DOLLARS DONATED FOR DISTRICT 6 LIBRARIES

Balboa, Mira Mesa, and Serra Mesa–Kearny Mesa libraries to receive \$10,000 in funding

San Diego, CA: Tomorrow, Thursday, March 2nd at 4:30 p.m., Councilmember Chris Cate will present \$5,910 in City funding to three (3) District 6 libraries in celebration of Read Across America Day for his district.

The allocations are as follows:

- Balboa Branch: \$1,250 for computer chairs and restroom fixtures (sinks, toilets, and accessories).
- Mira Mesa Branch: \$3,660 for furniture (tables, chairs, standing desks), story time accessories, and toys. Sensory objects and manipulatives for story time and programs to assist developmentally disabled adults.
- Serra Mesa – Kearny Mesa Branch: \$1,000 for meeting room tables, a portable projector, and story time rugs.

The San Diego Public Library Foundation will be matching, dollar-for-dollar, the City of San Diego's Community Projects, Programs and Services (CPPS) \$5,910 allocation.

"Public libraries are the backbone to a neighborhood and District 6 is home to four (4) City libraries. When we reinvest in our libraries, we reinvigorate our communities. At our libraries, new parents connect at infant story-times, school-based youth have a safe place to study, adults receive a second chance to earn a high school diploma, and elderly individuals attend events," stated Councilmember Cate.

Read Across America Day is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in each community to celebrate reading on March 2nd, the birthday of beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss. Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers. Research has shown that children who spend more time reading do better in school. www.sandiego.gov/public-library/

WHAT: Councilmember Chris Cate presents funding for District 6 libraries, followed by reading "Hop on Pop" to several dozen children (infant to preschool-age)

WHERE: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, 9005 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123

WHEN: Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.