

**Friends of the San Bernardino Public Library receives a \$40,000 grant from
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians**

Funds to go towards the purchase of library books for city libraries

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – April 21st, 2016 - The Friends of the San Bernardino Public Library has received a \$40,000 donation from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians to purchase library books for the four city libraries of the San Bernardino Public Library.

“On behalf of the SBPL Library Board of Trustees and city, I would like to thank the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for their great generosity in providing funding for library books for all ages to promote education and early literacy for children in our city through this grant,” said Library Director Ed Erjavek. “This is a great example of San Manuel contributing to the library and the residents of our city in its time of need and we’re grateful to the Tribe for the donation.”

Faun White, a program officer from the Community Outreach Department of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, presented a symbolic check for \$40,000 to Erjavek and President Rex Davis of the Friends of the San Bernardino Public Library.

“It’s also especially timely to receive \$40,000 for library books as SBPL is supporting the county’s Vision2Read effort, a program promoting reading and literacy in communities throughout the county, as endorsed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors chaired by James Ramos,” Erjavek said.

The library plans to purchase books for readers of all ages in various genres and subjects, including some in Spanish. Children’s books highlighting contributions of Native Americans will also be purchased.

The Friends of the San Bernardino Public Library and San Bernardino City Library Foundation have each also contributed \$20,000 to supplement the library’s book budget.

Information about SBPL including its four locations, hours and resources available electronically is on the library’s website at www.sbpl.org or at 909-381-8201. You can also follow the library including its various programs on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/sbcitylib> .

About San Bernardino Public Library

The San Bernardino Public Library is governed by an autonomous administrative Library Board of Trustees as provided by Article XII of the Charter of the City of San Bernardino. Library services are provided at four sites: Norman F. Feldheim Central Library, Paul Villaseñor Library, Dorothy Inghram Library, and Howard Rowe Library.

About San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians is a federally recognized American Indian tribe located near the city of Highland, Calif. The Serrano Indians are the indigenous people of the San Bernardino highlands, passes, valleys and mountains who share a common language and culture. The San Manuel reservation was established in 1891 and recognized as a sovereign nation with the right of self-government. Since time immemorial, the San Manuel tribal community has endured change and hardship. Amidst these challenges the tribe continued to maintain its unique form of governance. Like other governments it seeks to provide a better quality of life for its citizens by building infrastructure, maintaining civil services and promoting social, economic and cultural development. Today San Manuel tribal government oversees many governmental units including the departments of fire, public safety, education and environment.

About the Friends of the San Bernardino Public Library

The Friends of the San Bernardino Public Library is a support group which aids library service through fund-raising activities such as periodic book sales for the purchase of equipment and funding of programs. It is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation and is an independent fund-raising entity.