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## **San Diego County Library and Reach Out and Read San Diego — Improving the Lives of Children and Families**

San Diego County Library (SDCL) hopes to strengthen ties with Reach Out and Read San Diego (RORS) Clinics throughout San Diego. To encourage more ROR clinic clients to connect with SDCL libraries and resources, SDCL proposes:

- During the ROR literacy consult presented by clinic staff, staff encourages clients to make libraries a family habit and gives clients
  - A coupon to return to the closest SDCL Branch for a free book (address and contact info will be on the coupon)
  - A library card application for each member of the family

San Diego County Library further intends to support the efforts of RORS by:

- Identifying a ROR champion in each SDCL Branch to maintain contact between library and clinic
- Posting / Disbursing health-related information at Branches on behalf of ROR clinics
- Providing a 50-book browsing library of children's books in each partner clinic (bookplates identifying as property of SDCL, to stay in the waiting room, but clinic not responsible for lost books)
- Providing and maintaining age-appropriate early literacy booklists (and brochure holder) for each waiting room
- Posting fliers and information in the waiting room about SDCL Branch children and family services
- Providing book-sharing training for all volunteers (county-wide) who read in waiting rooms
- SDCL Branch ROR Champion support for clinic events (i.e. booth at a Health Fair, story and library services presentation at the annual picnic, etc.)
- Other services as identified and feasible considering SDCL staffing and resources.

Please find more information at: [www.sdcl.org](http://www.sdcl.org) and <http://aapca3.org/or.html>