

# Rancho Bernardo High School Friends of the Library

13010 Paseo Lucido, San Diego, CA 92128  
*A Blue Ribbon School Deserves a Blue Ribbon Library*



Dear fellow RBHS Parents and Guardians:

As a parent of five RBHS students and President of the RBHS FOL, I am writing to you because our school library, the academic heart of the school, desperately needs your financial support during these times of brutal budget cuts. Our goal is to raise at least \$25,000 by the end of the school year to mitigate some of the state's cuts. We can't do it without you.

**Why help the library?** The RBHS library supports all students and is used by more than half of the student body each day. Our Library is the center of learning on campus with students having access to 45,000 books, 104 computers and several subscription databases. Library book checkout has never been higher and students receive instruction in research techniques and critical thinking from our Teacher Librarian. Our library is open to students and staff from 7:10 am until 3 pm to find books, read, complete homework, use computers, print, produce new information and collaborate on school projects!

Numerous studies demonstrate that **strong school library programs** boost student academic achievement. Two of the best predictors of academic success are adequate professional and clerical staffing in the library and size and age of the library collection. **Appropriately staffed** strong school libraries provide information literacy instruction, facilitate collaboration, and manage and provide up-to-date print and electronic resources, crucial in preparing students for college and for life. Clerical support staff manages textbooks, provides cataloging, assists students and coordinates volunteers.

**Yet over the past 6 years the RBHS library/textbook staff has been reduced from 4 full time staff members down to 2. State funding for library books was cut from \$28.00 per student to \$0!**

Sadly, with just half the staff, the library has had to cut back on student instruction in 21st century skills, reduce access and shorten hours. The library now serves 2 classes at a time rather than 3. The reference room (which holds 45 computers) and the textbook room are closed significant parts of the day. The average library book is 17 years old--older than our juniors- **but without the FOL's financial help it would be much worse.**

**Your donation to the RBHS Friends of the Library helps all of our kids!**

Over the past six years we have raised funds to mitigate state cuts. Your donations have been used to purchase books, electronic media, on-line databases and to hire support staff. **Your donations to the RBHS FOL are making a difference in the lives of RBHS students everyday.**

**We need your help again this year! Please donate generously. Our students are counting on us!**

Thank you for helping to provide a strong library program for our students!

Linda Gannon  
President, RBHS Friends of the Library

Please complete and return to the RBHS Friends of the Library table at registration, drop it off at the circulation desk in the library or mail to: **RBHS Friends of the Library, 13010 Paseo Lucido, San Diego, CA 92128.**

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