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## **BOOKS AND HEALTH: CHECK 'EM BOTH OUT!** *New Partnership Brings Services to North County Residents*

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, North Regions is teaming up with the San Diego County Library to provide education and information on valuable health and social service programs to North County residents. Community members can check out more than a great book while visiting the North Bookmobile. They can also get health information on a variety of topics as well as learn about important services offered in their neighborhoods.

“This is a wonderful example of County departments working together to bring valuable services to our community,” says Supervisor Bill Horn, whose district includes much of North County. “During these tight budget times, it is critical that we work together and leverage resources so that children and families can thrive.”

As part of the pilot partnership, County Public Health Nurses are joining the North Bookmobile at two of its regularly scheduled sites in Vista to offer free blood pressure checks, immunization record assessments, healthcare referrals, and to distribute information such as health care coverage options. Public Health Nurses will be available to assist community members on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the County’s North Bookmobile stops at Olive Elementary School, 836 Olive Avenue, from 12:30-3:00 p.m. and at the Boys and Girls Club of Vista, 410 W. California Avenue, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The County launched the pilot partnership in Vista with plans to expand to other sites in North County and perhaps countywide.

“The goal of the partnership is to increase awareness of various health, social and library services to residents of North County,” said HHS Director Nick Macchione.

“We’re excited about this new partnership as a way to bring added services to our North Bookmobile customers,” says County Library Director José Aponte. “This is our friendly ‘front porch’ approach to introducing residents to various County programs.”

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