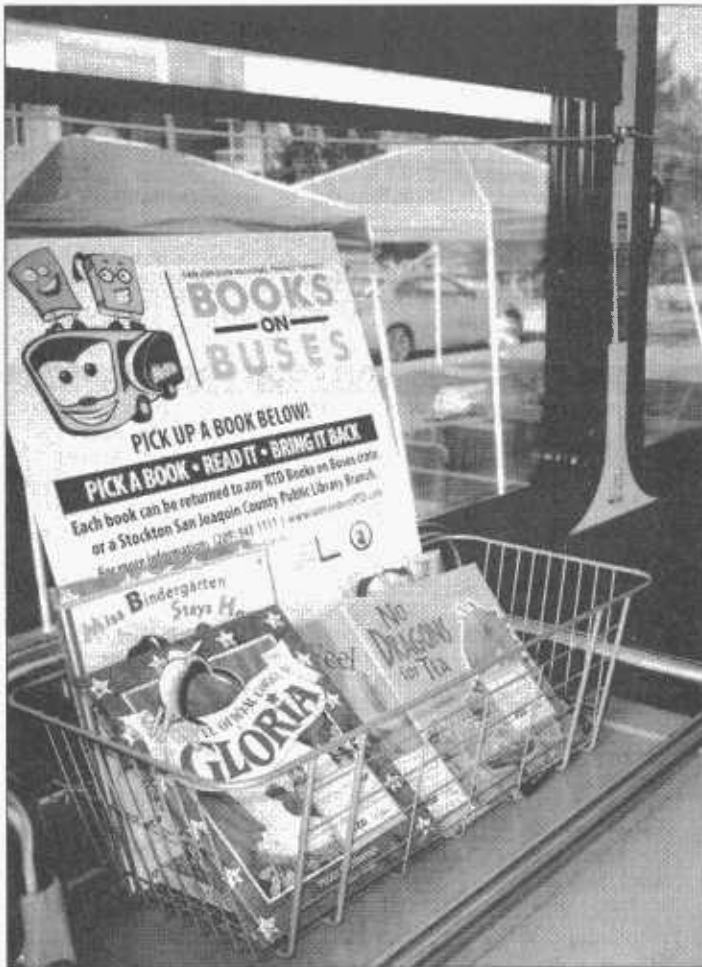


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Books on Buses event to help support literacy



LEFT: Book racks, such as this one, will soon be found on RTD buses in San Joaquin County. **RIGHT TOP:** Health Plan of San Joaquin held a book drive Aug. 19 at its French Camp headquarters, seeking books for the RTD Books on Buses program. **RIGHT BOTTOM:** An RTD bus decorated for the agency's 50th anniversary was parked at Health Plan of San Joaquin headquarters to collect the books.

Health Plan of San Joaquin held a day-long Books on Buses book drive Aug. 19 in its French Camp parking lot.

Attendees from HPSJ and their invited neighbors – San Joaquin General Hospital, Mary Graham Children’s Shelter and VA Stockton – brought hundreds of new or gently used books to fill an RTD bus that was stationed in HPSJ’s parking lot for the day.

This book drive was in

support of countywide literacy efforts by San Joaquin Regional Transit District as it introduces a new program called Books on Buses. Books on Buses formally launched Aug. 21. Health Plan of San Joaquin is a Books on Buses sponsor. HPSJ decided to hold this event as part of its own long-term campaign to promote literacy, especially health literacy.

While KAT Country 103 broadcast live from the HPSJ parking lot, book donors heard

from:

- Gloria Salazar, RTD’s chief financial officer and assistant general manager

- Jennifer Torres Siders, University of the Pacific community relations manager

- Amy Shin, CEO of Health Plan of San Joaquin

- Victoria Hazen, the health plan’s senior director of human resources, who also is board secretary for the Library and Literacy Foundation of San Joaquin County.

During the noon program,

Zenet Negron, staff representative for Assemblywoman Susan Eggman, D-Stockton, and Max Vargas, with the office of state Sen. Cathleen Galgiani, D-Stockton, presented proclamations honoring literacy initiatives by San Joaquin Regional Transit District, Library and Literacy Foundation of San Joaquin County and Health Plan of San Joaquin.

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