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Guadalupe Library Receives Grant for STEM Books

The Santa Maria Public Library was recently awarded a \$750 grant from the EnergyPartners Fund for use at the Guadalupe Branch Library. The grant went towards the purchase of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) books tailored for junior high students. The majority of the books are now on the shelves for students to utilize.

The grant was made possible by the EnergyPartners Fund, formerly the Central Coast Education Collaborative. The group is made up of dedicated energy professionals, business partners, and community advocates. Energy companies such as ExxonMobil, Santa Maria Energy, Freeport-McMoRan, Venoco, Inc, and 23 other partners have contributed more than \$650,000 to community. This fund has engaged more than 50,000 students in innovative, hands-on learning in the STEM fields since the non-profit organization was founded in 2008. Funding initiatives include Santa Barbara County, San Luis and Ventura Counties.

The Guadalupe Branch Library is located at 4719 West Main Street, Suite D. Its hours are 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on Saturdays. The Library is closed on Sundays.

Questions may be directed to Youth Services, Santa Maria Public Library, 925-0994.

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