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Richland High School Library Receives Donation from Orange North Rotary

ORANGE, Calif., March 10, 2010–Orange North Rotary recently donated $2,100 to the Richland High School Library for books to help improve literacy through the library based "Teen Read Aloud" program. Funds will also be used to purchase leveled reading materials that support the reading comprehension program Reading Counts. The donation will also purchase library media items that support classroom instruction and the Library Science curriculum.

Irene Daleo, Richland's librarian, said, "This program encourages students to read and develop a love for reading. The Orange North Rotary has been a supporter of ours for years and their generosity is appreciated."

Orange North Rotary invited Daleo and student Jessica D. Garcia to speak at luncheon recently and to receive the $2,100 check. Garcia was selected to accept the donation on behalf of the Richland Library because she became an exemplary reader while at Richland. "I never really liked to read, and now I read regularly thanks to our library offerings and encouraging staff," she said.

Richland High School principal Ed Madrid said, "This program has made a huge impact on the reading performance of our students. Mrs. Daleo takes reluctant readers and makes reading exciting for them."

Orange North Rotary has been a supporter of Richland High School for several years. They annually host an onsite BBQ that feeds the entire student body and staff. Also, they recently purchased tables and padded rolling chairs for the Richland Library. Finally, Orange North Rotary annually sponsors two Richland students to attend the Rotary Youth Student Leadership Association Conference.

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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