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Teachers from three San Diego County school districts will wheel shopping carts through aisles set up in the Price Center Ballroom at the University of California, San Diego on Sept. 1 to make selections for their classrooms from 11,000 books donated to the "San Diego Reads!" book drive.

The UCSD Bookstore and CREATE (Center for Research in Educational Equity, Assessment, and Teaching Excellence) assisted the San Diego, National City and Sweetwater school districts with the book drive by collecting more than 11,000 books from textbook dealers and the campus community.

The books will be donated to the K-12 Cluster Partnership program sponsored by CREATE. Schools in the Crawford High School cluster in City Heights include Crawford, Mann Middle School and Carver and Euclid Elementary schools. The Sweetwater High School cluster schools include Sweetwater, National City Middle School and Central, Olivewood and Otis Elementary schools.

On hand at 10 a.m. for opening ceremonies will be Ed Lopez, chair of the San Diego City School District Board of Trustees; Ed Brand, superintendent, Sweetwater School District; George Cameron, superintendent, National City School District, and Paul Drake, dean, Social Sciences at UCSD.

The free book distribution will follow from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Meredyth Potter-White of the UCSD Bookstore said that any books left over after the teachers' selections will be donated to local charities. Others assisting in the drive were Hugh Mehan, CREATE director; Susan Yonezawa, CREATE Partnership coordinator; Ann-Marie Christian, Associated Student's Volunteer Connection, and Randy Woodard, Student Programs.

Included in the 11,000 books were volumes such as textbooks, children's books, novels, and reference books, many in Spanish.

"San Diego Reads!" is a citywide civic project to support literacy in schools.

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