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Nine K-12 schools in the City Heights and National City areas of San Diego will be the beneficiaries of a book drive to be held June 1-11 on the University of California, San Diego campus by the UCSD Bookstore and the Associated Student's Volunteer Connection program.

The books will be donated to the K-12 Cluster Program sponsored by UCSD's Center for Research in Educational Equity, Assessment & Teaching Excellence (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.

The "wish list" of books for the participating schools includes: First year science, math, economics and computer; ethnic studies, women's studies, Third World studies, history; first year sociology and psychology; first year calculus, statistics and economics; English as a second language; Spanish, including literature and grammar; children's books in English and Spanish; novels, anthologies, poetry, plays, non-fiction, composition, essay writing; reference books, encyclopedia sets and dictionaries.

In response to a request from the UCSD Bookstore, Nebraska Book Company, a national textbook wholesaler has earmarked approximately 4,500 used textbooks to be donated to the book drive in support of CREATE's K-12 cluster school program.

Books may be dropped off by the public at the "drive-through" North Point Visitor Information Center. Other campus drop-off points include the UCSD Bookstore, the Volunteer Connection office in the Price Center, the Soft Reserves office in the Student Center, or left with the drivers on campus shuttle buses.

The book drive also supports San Diego Reads!, a citywide civic project to support literacy in local schools. "Gently used" general reading books, especially appropriate for the early elementary grade levels, also can be dropped off at the various center for distribution to this program.

For further information contact Meredith White, UCSD Bookstore, 534-6444.

CREATE was established by UCSD in 1997 to increase the number of underrepresented students at UCSD and other comparable university campuses.

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