

South Bay Adopts Watts School, Donates Books for Kids

(Oct. 16, 2002) The South Bay service sector has adopted Ritter Elementary School in Watts – and already is supporting the school's reading program with books contributed by sector employees.

The partnership with Ritter began following a September visit by General Manager Dana Coffey, who expressed interest in the school's "one-million word" campaign.

Communications Officer Victoria Woods began collecting books from the South Bay staff to donate to the kids, ages 4 to 10 in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade.

Along with Train Safety presenter Walter Gonzalez, Woods visited the Ritter library, last week, to present the first batch of books to the librarian and a group of some 20 children. Gonzalez took the occasion to talk with the kids about safety near the tracks.

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The teachers and kids at Ritter Elementary School are enthusiastic about their reading program. Below, Train Safety presenter Walter Gonzalez reminds the Ritter pupils to be safe around the tracks.

