



Let's get back on target

Just a few years ago, the Chula Vista Public Library had more than \$500,000 to spend on books. Now, the annual budget is about a tenth of that. The City of Chula Vista spends only 10 cents per resident on library books, placing us near the bottom of libraries across the state. And as you may have heard, the current city budget provides more money for bullets than for books.*

Book 'em, Friends!

Yes, public safety is important. But the Friends of the Chula Vista Library believe books are equally essential to our community and our quality of life. Here are a couple of, ahem, bullet points:

- The No. 1 reason people visit a library is to get something to read.
- Children who love to read are more likely to succeed in school, and in life.
- Reading relaxes the body, calms the mind and enhances the memory.
- Reading improves vocabulary, builds brain power and teaches us about the world.

Shoot, I can do that!

You know reading is important. So we are asking you to help us get the book budget back on target by making a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of the Chula Vista Library Book Fund. Every dollar you give will be used to buy the children's books, reference books, best sellers and digital books that make our library a place to visit, grow and learn.

The bottom line: Books, not bullets.

Please donate online at www.thefcvl.org (It's faster than a speeding bullet!) or mail your check, payable to FCVL, to: FCVL Book Fund, P.O. Box 393, Chula Vista, CA 91912



* For 2013-14, the city proposed \$26,000 for library books and \$46,000 for ammunition for the police department. A last-minute action by City Council allocated an additional \$20,000 in year-end funds for the library.