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***A School without a Library? Not For Long....***

The students, families, and staff at the Garden Valley Elementary School in Natomas have waited a long time for a school library. Built in 1954 without a library, teachers have been creative over the years in trying to bring books into their classrooms. This year, in partnership with area families and businesses and through unification into a larger district, the school is determined to make a library a reality for students. The architectural and building plans are moving forward with Twin Rivers USD and State support, but the library still needs books! In spite of the incredibly challenging State budget for schools this year, Friday’s event and the weekend’s fundraiser will help bring the much-needed resources to the school to put books in the hands of the Garden Valley students.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Visuals/Interviews</b>
<b>9:00-9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>School-wide Rally</b> Students, staff, volunteers readers and special guest The Cat in the Hat will gather outside the school to celebrate reading. (Rain back-up plan –inside cafeteria)	400 eager school children led in a rally with volunteers readers that include councilmember Ray Tretheway, Superintendent Frank Porter, and local hero Grant Pacers.
<b>9:30 – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Volunteers Readers in the Classroom</b> Volunteers from throughout the area (see interviews section) will read to individual classrooms.  <b>Green Eggs and Ham Tastings</b> Volunteer readers and media guests are invited to joint the school’s kindergarten classes in their breakfast feast!	Classroom setting with 20-30 students listening to a variety of volunteer readers. Principal Michele Williams and members of the community/school partnership can comment on their efforts.  Classroom setting of kindergarten students, staff, and volunteers trying the vibrant breakfast foods.
<b>March 6th-8th</b>	<b>Barnes and Noble Fundraiser</b> Mention Garden Valley Elementary during this coming weekend and a percentage of any purchase you make at the Natomas Barnes and Noble (3561 N. Freeway Blvd.) will go towards creating Garden Valley’s first ever library.	Barnes and Noble staff have been involved with the community planning team for the new library and can comment on their involvement with the project.