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Calabasas Library Receives Grant Through the State Library's Zip Books Program

The Calabasas Public Library has received a \$3,000 grant from the California State Library to participate in the State Library's Zip Books Program. Through the Zip Books program, library card holders who are not able to find a book they want in the Calabasas Library collection can request it. This award allows the library to purchase the item from Amazon.com and send it directly to the person who has made the request. The purpose of the Zip Books program is to provide patrons with speedy access to materials they might not otherwise be able to get through the library, without the long wait times often associated with ILL requests. To participate in this free and fast service, users must have a Calabasas library card and contact the Librarian at the Reference Desk.

After the Zip Book material has been used, the borrower can return it directly to the Calabasas Library service desk to credit their account. The returned items may then become part of the library's permanent collection.

The program covers currently published print titles that aren't in the Calabasas Library collection or on order, and priced at \$50 or less on Amazon. The publication date should be at least 6 months old. The item must be a printed book or Large Print book. Items that the Calabasas Library currently owns that have a wait list are not eligible.

For more information about Zip Books please visit the Calabasas Library website or https://www.library.ca.gov/services/to-libraries/zip-books/