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**LITTLE MINDS, BIG FUTURES: ONTARIO CITY LIBRARY AWARDED \$71,000 GRANT TO PILOT EARLY LEARNING INITIATIVE**

The Ontario City Library was awarded a grant from the California State Library for \$71,000 to pilot an early learning initiative for young children and their parents and caregivers. The initiative, *Little Minds, Big Futures*, will bring library staff to high-traffic neighborhood areas to provide services and resources to families with young children in the form of pop-up programs that will expand access to early childhood learning opportunities. These programs will support parents and caregivers as their child's first teacher providing exposure to early childhood learning activities, expert led sessions and raise early childhood development and school readiness awareness in the community.

*Little Minds, Big Futures* is the next step in the City's efforts in early childhood learning and education allowing staff to move beyond traditional library or community center walls and meet community members in their own neighborhoods. The Ontario City Library is excited for the opportunity to expand services to the youngest community members in Ontario through this grant. Funding is received from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. For more information about *Little Minds, Big Futures*, contact Daisy Flores, Supervising Librarian at (909) 395-2293 or at [DCFlores@ontarioca.gov](mailto:DCFlores@ontarioca.gov).



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The City of Ontario *Elevates* the quality-of-life by creating urban lifestyle districts that create sustainable places to live, work and play. Located just 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, the City of Ontario is ideally situated as a gateway to Southern California. With major freeways, rail transportation and International Airport, Ontario offers the rest of the world to be a part of a culturally diverse community with rich history that is well positioned for quality development and economic sustainability for its 177,000 residents. Complementing its business and residential core, Ontario offers premium entertainment venues such as the Ontario Convention Center, Toyota Arena, and the Ontario Mills Mall. To learn more about the City of Ontario, visit [www.ontarioca.gov](http://www.ontarioca.gov) or call (909) 395-2000.

