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WE'RE ON A ROLL WITH KINDERGO! NEW ONTARIO CITY LIBRARY INITIATIVE IS COMING TO A KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM NEAR YOU.

Did you know that with over 30,000 school-aged children living in the City of Ontario, only 15% have library cards? That's a staggering 85% of children that are not taking advantage of all the free materials, services, and programs the Ontario City Library offers. Don't worry, that's all about to change.

The Ontario City Library was awarded \$20,000 through the California State Library's Library Services and Technology Act Grant to roll out the first annual KinderGo.

KinderGo is going to put a library card into the hands of every single kindergartener in the City of Ontario. The Ontario City Library is also purchasing enough books so that each classroom will receive a copy of *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*. The Ontario City Library will top off the whole initiative on Saturday, October 10 when the Ontario City Library presents KinderFair. The whole community is invited to meet the author of *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*, Dan Santat, as well as collect information from local resources to keep your children happy and healthy.

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This week saw the first wave of kindergarten classroom visits from City of Ontario representatives. Each child received a library bookbag filled with goodies provided by the grant and other library partners. The students were also treated to a reading of Beekle. 48 classrooms down, 30 more to go. KinderGo is poised to be a resounding success for the City of Ontario.

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