The California State Library has provided a $15,000 collection development grant to the San Bernardino Public Library to help the city’s residents in coping with the tragic violence in early December.

“On behalf of the library board of trustees and the city, I would like to thank State Librarian Greg Lucas and the state library staff for their concern for our community,” said SBPL Library Director Ed Erjavek. “It is very generous of them to provide us this grant to help our library provide current books to our community on coping, grief, healing and other-related topics.”

Erjavek added that “I’m pleased that the state library is helping us to serve as a community hub and bringing people together to help our community move forward.”

For those who prefer books in electronic or audiobook formats, SBPL was also fortunate to receive a donation of 50 titles of eBook and audio formats to help its community during this time from Overdrive, which supplies eBooks and audiobooks to the library. The San Bernardino City Library Foundation sponsors the library’s Overdrive subscription.

Overdrive eBooks and audiobooks can be accessed by SBPL library cardholders by going to the library website at www.sbpl.org or selecting “E for Me” or directly at http://sbpl.lib.overdrive.com/ under “Featured Collections” you may then select “Titles to Cope” to see the available titles.

Various websites on coping and related issues are also available at the library’s website at www.sbpl.org and by selecting “Information Resources” then “Virtual Reference Desk and “Coping Resources.”

Information about SBPL including its four locations, hours and resources available electronically is on the library’s website or at 909-381-8201. You can also follow the library including its various programs on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/sbcitylib.

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