

**Robert J. Kleberg Public Library Newsletter**  
**Happenings @ Your Library®**  
**Saturday, January 10, 2015**

**Fun Fact Tidbit**

In *The Benefits of Poetry for Professionals*, John Coleman wrote that poetry teaches us to wrestle with and simplify complexity, develops a more acute sense of empathy, cultivates creativity, and infuses life with beauty and meaning. (<https://hbr.org/2012/11/the-benefits-of-poetry-for-pro>)

**The Library's Poetry Garden**

The Robert J. Kleberg Public Library invites patrons to take a stroll through the library's Poetry Garden, located on the east side of the building. Additions to the garden include a brick pathway and a wrought iron bench for the patrons' enjoyment. While visiting the garden, patrons can enjoy reading the works of various poets displayed on the garden's walls. One of the featured poets is Ray A. Twist. During the holiday season, Mr. Twist's Christmas poetry from *Views from the Saddle: A Cowboy's Life in Poetry* are on display. Mrs. Natalie Arispe, poet and Poetry Garden creator, has displayed some of her work as well. Also displayed is "The Robert J. Kleberg Library Dedication" written by Van Chandler, Poet Laureate of Texas, 1959-1961.

New to the Poetry Garden is a bulletin board that features poetry written by local high school students. The poets and their poetry include "Who Am I?" by Jerome Villarreal, "Death" by Gabriela Hernandez, "Truth? Hidden in Lies" by Jasn Prado, "Untitled" by Joshua Garza, "Hate Machine" by Jordan Martinez, "My Love for You Reminds Me of Spring" by Joey Granados, "Nature" by Brittany Guiterrez, "Closed Heart" Briana Hernandez, "Trouble" by Jarod Garcia, "Mistakes" by Robert Vela, "Father" by Phillip Hernandez, "Trey" by Ellen Lopez, and "A Bear" by Felix Morales. High school students interested in submitting their poetry can contact Natalia Ridener at 361-542-9743. A poem must fit on one page and address the themes of high school, nature, or family. To have the poems laminated, the students will need to include one dollar with the poem. The library appreciates having this wonderful opportunity to collaborate with Mrs. Arispe in displaying the works of these creative, talented high school students. Come by the library at 220 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street and enjoy the garden and the poets' works.

**MLK Holiday**

In observance of the Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the library will be closed on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. The library will reopen on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 8 a.m. A little known fact about Dr. King is that he entered Morehouse College, in Atlanta, Georgia, at the age of 15. ([www.history.com](http://www.history.com)) To honor his life and legacy, patrons are encouraged to participate in citywide observances, or stop by the library and check out a book on Martin Luther King, Jr.



*"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."~Martin Luther King, Jr.*