

Robert J. Kleberg Public Library Newsletter
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A/C System Update: Final Phase

With the installation of the thermostats, the balancing and adjusting of the air handlers, and the circulating of oil and Freon throughout the air conditioning (A/C) system, the final phase of the A/C project is now complete. During the week of April 6, 2015, technicians with Ramos Refrigeration spent their time testing and fine-tuning the A/C system, and monitoring the cooling and humidity levels throughout the library. On April 14, 2015, Mr. Rudy Ramos, Jr. conducted a walk-through tour of the system with City and County officials: Mr. David Mason (Purchasing Director, City of Kingsville), Mrs. Melissa Perez (Risk Manager, City of Kingsville), and Mrs. Veronica Hare (Insurance Adjuster, Kleberg County). The officials wanted to check and view the placement of the new air handler units and dehumidifier system. They also wanted to gauge the efficiency of the equipment in each zone, and to receive a final update from Ramos Refrigeration. The City and County officials were pleased with the A/C system and the performance of the equipment. Go team!



Carpet Project Update

The library is still working with Mrs. Veronica Hare regarding the replacement of the library's carpet prior to reopening. Kleberg County Commissioners are considering several bids for the carpet and installation. The Commission will officially select a company for the carpet purchase and installation. It will take approximately one week from carpet purchase to arrival, and another three to five days for the carpet installation. Once the installation is completed, Mrs. Hare will contact GCI Remediation (Gerloff Company), so they can bring back the library's books and furniture, which are currently housed in a clean storage suite at the Wild Horse Desert Mall. The next step will be to call back the reassigned employees, so that the entire staff can organize the book collections, clean the library, and plan for the grand opening. Because of the collaborative efforts of City and County officials, the mold remediation, the A/C installation, and the carpet installation are proceeding smoothly. ***If the carpet project continues as scheduled, the reopening of the library is tentatively set for Tuesday, June 9, 2015.*** There is light at the end of the tunnel. Stay tuned for more information.



K-LOVE to Visit the Library



K-LOVE'S Regional Public Affairs Manager, Mr. Felipe Aguilar will be visiting the library. A contemporary Christian music programming service, K-LOVE's local affiliate is 88.7 FM in Corpus Christi. Mr. Aguilar will interview Mr. Joe Garcia, Information and Technology (I.T.) Librarian, and Mrs. Carla Meyer, coordinator for the Kleberg County Literacy Council. The segment will focus on available services and resources that encourage reading and literacy proficiency in the community. Mr. Aguilar will also discuss how different segments of the community utilize the library. Stay tuned for the airdate.

Library Core Staff

Even though the library is temporarily closed, the core staff has been “holding down the fort,” performing vital behind-the-scenes operations. They have been busy answering the phones, and maintaining communication with City and County officials and departments, the A/C and mold remediation technicians, book vendors, local organizations, government entities, reassigned staff



members, and the general public. The team has been available to answer patrons’ questions, and provide needed IRS tax forms. The I.T. Department has also been busy maintaining the internal computer network, server, online electronic services, patron online accounts, and Facebook and Twitter accounts. The Acquisitions Department continues to prepare purchase orders, reconcile invoices, and manage essential library purchases. The staff is also receiving and processing standing and new book orders, incoming mail, magazines, and newspapers. The Technical Services Department has been processing books that patrons leave in the book drops, and maintaining the patrons’ accounts to keep them up-to-date. To promote the library’s online services, members of the staff have participated in various academic and community

outreach events. The team continues to perform not only custodial services but also minor grounds services as well. A special “thank-you” from the Library Board and Library Director Robert Rodriguez goes to Ruthie Valdez, Hector Vela, Joey Garcia, and Michelle Smith, for all their hard work in maintaining, cleaning, and organizing the library and its premise. Without this group, it would have been more difficult to accomplish many of these vital functions. A special thanks also goes out to the library staff members that were reassigned. Even though it has been a sacrifice for them, they have been patient and have represented the library well. It has been a tremendous journey, but all worthwhile because the library will be able to better serve its patrons.

Summer Reading Program



Many parents have been calling the library regarding the status of the 2015 Summer Program. Once the library reopens, the Children’s Services Department is planning for the Summer Reading Program, and this year’s theme is *Every Hero has a Story*. Over the course of the summer, children will be encouraged to find not only fictional heroes, but also real life heroes in their community or discover ways in which they can be someone’s hero. The aim of the Summer Reading Program is to promote reading throughout the summer with the ultimate goals of encouraging reading and preparing the children for the upcoming school year. Young patrons can benefit greatly from summer reading. In addition, the Summer Reading Program is a great opportunity for families to read together. Even though the library is temporarily closed, the Children’s Department is acquiring new print books and eBooks for the collection, so the library’s young patrons can enjoy these books during the summer. Some of the acquisitions will be books from the 2015 Texas Lone Star Reading List and the 2015-2016 Bluebonnet Award List. Once the library reopens, patrons can access both lists from the library’s website, www.kleberglibrary.com, select the Kids & Teens tab, and click on the desired list. Please check the library’s website regularly for Reading Program dates and guidelines.