

Robert J. Kleberg Public Library Newsletter
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Electrical Wiring Project Update

Technicians, contractors, and staff have been working diligently to prepare the library for the grand reopening. TJ Electric is currently working on the library's electrical system to bring the wiring up to code. The technicians have begun with the essential areas, including the public departments and the technical services workroom. In addition, they are working with the IT Department to ensure that the Children's and Adult computer labs will be ready when the library reopens on Wednesday, July 1, 2015.

Flag Presentation by Woodsmen of the World

On Thursday, May 28, 2015, Dr. Pedro Vasquez and Mrs. Carmen Utley, representatives from the Woodsmen of the World, presented the library with a United States flag and provided a brief history of the American flag. The Continental Congress adopted the first United States flag on June 14, 1777. President Wilson, on May 30, 1916, issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of Flag Day. Then in 1949, President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating the 14th day of June every year as *National Flag Day*. Flags are an important aspect of U.S. history, and every state flag has its own unique story.



Texas Flag Presented to Library as a Memorial

In conjunction with the Woodsmen of the World, Mr. and Mrs. Ramiro and Carmen Utley presented the library with a Texas flag in memory of their grandson Mathias Utley. Dr. Pedro Vasquez provided a brief history of the various flags that have flown over the territory or state, including the period when Texas was an independent nation, the Republic of Texas. The U.S. flag, along with the Texas flag, will be flown on a flagpole located at the main entrance to the library. The Library Board extends their sincerest gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Utley for their gracious gift.



Flag of Honor on Display



In 2013, the Woodsmen of the World presented the library with the 10th anniversary edition of the *Flag of Honor*. The canton of the Flag of Honor is the blue background and 50 white stars, with the 13 stripes "created from the names of those who perished in the terrorist attacks of 9/11." The library had the flag framed, and patrons can view it as they exit the Adult Wing. The Robert J. Kleberg Public Library is the only entity south of Victoria that has been presented the Flag of Honor.