

Robert J. Kleberg Public Library Newsletter
Happenings @ your library®
Tuesday, July 26, 2011

The Robert J. Kleberg Public Library has seen some mayhem this summer from water damage to robbery. Approximately 3 weeks ago, the library staff discovered water, which had collected from the ceiling's A/C unit and overflowed from its collection pan, dripping out of A/C vents, ceiling seams, and light fixtures, onto the Friends Bookstore. Many books and magazines were ruined. The shelves, glass case, and carpet were dried and cleaned up as much as possible, and the water was eventually drained from the unit by a local plumbing company. It took about three days of drying to keep the carpet from smelling musty and forming mildew. The water spots on the ceiling eventually dried up and the damage is only slightly noticeable.



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A more recent incident that took place this past week involved the assault and robbery of a patron an hour prior to the library opening. The incident took place on Wednesday July 15, around 6:45 a.m. when a lone male entered the library's Courtyard Wi-Fi Zone. The suspect then



approached the victim who was using the library's free Wi-Fi service. The male suspect spent several minutes conversing with the victim, after which he proceeded to assault and rob the victim of his laptop and cell phone. Kingsville Police officers contacted the library to inform the staff of the theft. The library provided surveillance footage to assist the police officers in their investigation. The victim

was reported to have only minor injuries, and the suspect has been identified and arrested.

Technical Services

The library's free Wi-Fi service also suffered a technical blow this month when the thirteen-year-old hotspot server ceased to function. Services were down for a week, but have since been restored. A new Smart Wi-Fi® Router has been installed to replace the old hotspot server.

Children's Services

The Annual Summer Activity Program has now come to a close. It has been a lot of fun to watch the children enjoy themselves. Attendance for the summer activities has been consistent. Final statistics on participation will be coming in the new week or so. The last day for participants to turn in their Summer Reading Logs is Friday, July 22 in order to qualify for the End of Summer Party. Our party is being held on Wednesday, July 27 at the Methodist Community Life Center on the corner of Third and Yoakum Street. The program will feature Dr. David Hewitt presenting information on live animals native to the South Texas region. We look forward to making this event educational and enjoyable for the kids.