

**Robert J. Kleberg Public Library Newsletter**  
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**Children's Services**

The library's 2011 Summer Program has officially come to a close with the last activity groups meeting and the End of the Summer Party over. This summer there were 684 children and 30 teens that attended the events and programs. From weekly arts and crafts activities to solving a murder mystery, the children had fun meeting each week. Our first annual Book Club had a total of 24 children and met on a weekly basis to read *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder. The Book Club discussed the differences between lifestyles today and life in the mid 1800's. The children enjoyed making and tasting foods featured in the book and discussed games and crafts of that period.

The "End of Summer Party" was attended by 85 children and 55 adults who came to hear an educational presentation by Dr. David Hewitt about wildlife native to South Texas. Dr. Hewitt brought a four-day old and a two-week old fawn, a rat snake, and a bearded dragon to the presentation. The children enjoyed interacting with the animals and asking questions. Now that the summer program is over, the library will focus on preparing activities for the upcoming Halloween program being planned for this October.

**Computer Tech Services**

The Technical Services Librarian is currently updating the Adult and Children's Computer Lab terminals. All public Lab Operating Systems are being reviewed for updating, maintenance, and operating efficiency in preparation for the expected increase in usage by local students.

**Reference Services**

The Reference Librarian is currently evaluating the Reference book collection and determining which titles need updating. The Adult Computer Lab was very busy this summer and the terminals are now getting their regular scheduled maintenance to keep them updated and operating smoothly. July statistics reflect that the Lab had 792 patrons using the terminals for an average of 742 computer hours. Wi-Fi services continue to be very popular with those who have laptops. Our Adult Magazine and Newspaper Reading Area continues to get utilized on a daily basis. With summer almost over, the Reference Librarian is now evaluating the adult collection for the approaching new school year.

**Technical Services**

**Public Library Stats Report For July 2011**

Total # of Circulated Items:	Total # of Patron Visits:	Total # of Titles in Collection:	Total # of Registered Patrons:	Total # of Internet & Wi-Fi User Connections:	Total # of Internet & Wi-Fi Time Usage – Hours:
<b>6,071</b>	<b>6,286</b>	<b>51,431</b>	<b>27,250</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>2,978</b>