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Local Author Visits Kleberg Public Library

Harlingen native and now Kingsville resident, Sigifredo L. Cavazos, made his first public appearance at the library on Saturday, June 2, to introduce his recently published book, *Amistad Mountain and Other Stories*. In his book, Mr. Cavazos shares some of his life stories, but from a fictional point of view. He captivates the reader through his descriptions of both the beauty and dangers of nature throughout the United States and other countries where he has visited or lived. Fifteen visitors came to hear Mr. Cavazos' presentation, which was followed by an interesting and informative period of questions and answers. To conclude his presentation, Mr. Cavazos had autographed copies of his book for those who wished to purchase one. A front page article in the May 27th edition of the Kingsville Record-Bishop News highlighted the life of Mr. Cavazos and the journey he experienced to get his book published.

Summer Reading Program Off to Great Beginning

The Summer Reading Program for 2012 got off to a great start! The young readers have truly embraced the concept of counting the minutes they read instead of the number of books. So far, the readers are challenging themselves by reading larger, thicker books instead of selecting those that are shorter and easier to read. The Ultimate Pizza Challenge sponsored by Pizza Hut set a goal of a combined 50,000 minutes for all Summer Reading Program participants. The goal will likely be reached soon, as the readers have already completed 15,260 minutes. The Reading Program still has about five more weeks to go. Hey kids, the sky is the limit and it's still not too late to start!

Summer Activities Program Starts Big

The first week of the Summer Activities Program welcomed 250 children in various age groups. Children and parents were very patient and cooperative as changes to the program were explained. This year all age groups have arts and crafts activities on Wednesday, beginning with story reading. Thursdays are devoted to the Selected Book Club followed by a children's movie chosen for all ages. The call for volunteers to assist with the Summer Program was very successful. This year the library has a fantastic group of teen and college age volunteers. It is great to have young people interested in working with children and in helping to better their community.

Library Outreach Programs Continue

Although summer is here, that has not deterred the library from continuing its outreach programs. In fact, the Information and Technology Librarian, Joey Garcia, is scheduled for presentations throughout the summer. A total of thirteen presentations have been scheduled since mid-May 2012. Mr. Garcia has been actively participating in Texas A&M University-Kingsville Hoggie Days, talking to students about support services and resources available to them at the public library. During the past three Hoggie Days events, a total of forty students have attended the library's presentations. Mr. Garcia still has ten more sessions to be presented at the university, and his last presentation will be August 24, 2012. The public library invites all TAMUK students to attend one of the remaining presentations to learn about the various programs and services the Kleberg Public Library can provide them.