

Robert J. Kleberg Public Library Newsletter
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Computer Classes Sponsored by Texas State Library Coming in September

Library patrons and area residents have been submitting requests for the past several months to have technology training classes on the basic functions of personal computers and related software.

Those requests are being answered, thanks to a project called TEAL (Technology Expertise, Access and Learning). The project is federally funded through a RECOVERY Grant and is provided by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The goal of the project is to provide *free* computer, software, and job training to the general public through local public libraries. Through a joint venture with



the R. J. Kleberg Public Library and King's Way Family Church acting as the host venue, the TEAL project is expected to be in Kingsville in late September. Classes will focus on basic computer use, Internet use, E-mailing, and Microsoft Word during the two days of training. Classes have been steadily filling up since June. All classes are expected to be filled by the end of August; however there are still openings. If interested, please visit or call the library for more details at 592-6381.

Three Library Staff Members Receive Their IS-700 Certification

The R. J. Kleberg Public Library held an in-house NIMS (National Incident Management System) training course August 10 for three staff members that were recently hired as library employees. The course is an introduction to the protocols and procedures of the NIMS under the guidance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a Department of Homeland Security. The City of Kingsville requires all city employees to be certified in emergency management as a condition for federal preparedness awards. The course was conducted by Mrs. Danielle Friend, Children's Librarian, who has ten years of previous experience in emergency medical services. The staff members attending the class were Joey Garcia, Michelle Smith, and Carolyn Thompson. These three employees received their IS-700 certification from FEMA following their online examination. Participating library staff members appreciate all the assistance and training provided by Mrs. Friend during the class course.