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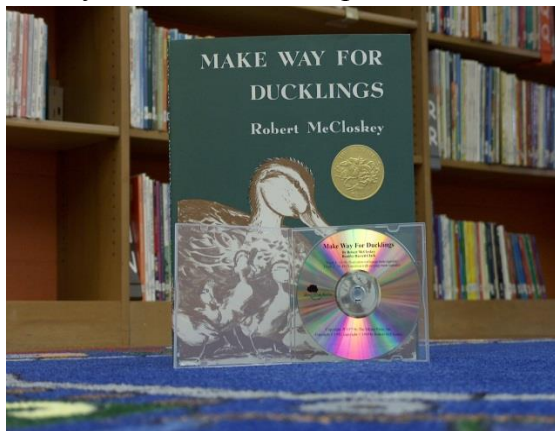
**New, Faster Computers in Adult Computer Lab**

The Adult Computer Lab has received a much needed upgrade after 5 years of continuous service. The old Dell Dimension towers are now replaced with Dell Vostro towers that are almost four times faster. This will allow patrons to have multiple applications running, as well as take advantage of the library's U-Verse connection when accessing sites such as Facebook, YouTube and more. The installation of these seven new towers completes the library's 3-Phase Master Plan that was started in October 2010. Under this plan, the library has progressively upgraded its overall computer infrastructure through grants and donations. This new upgrade has helped ensure that the infrastructure will last at least 5-7 years. The original scheduled completion date was set for August 2013. However, with generous support from the Friends of the Kleberg Library, the project was completed almost 7 months ahead of schedule. A note of gratitude and thanks goes to the Friends for assisting with this much needed upgrade. The many and various projects that the Friends of the Library undertake are most appreciated and, indeed, make the organization very good "friends" of the library.



**Innovative Reading Resource Coming to Children's Area**

The Children's Department is always looking and listening for suggestions to assist families with their children's reading improvement and enjoyment. With this in mind, the library has looked at ways to include multiple media forms into the library's collection. The Kleberg Public



Library has printed books and magazines, Playaway audio books, and a few books in Braille. Now, at the recommendation of parents and teachers, the Children's Department is adding a selection of books with an accompanying compact disc. These are wonderful for a child with reading challenges. The child can follow along in the book as the compact disc "reads" the book to the child. This new concept is an innovative way to reinforce or assist children with word recognition and pronunciation as they see and hear the words in the story. This method can be especially helpful to

auditory learners and those who have difficulty with reading. At this time the new format combination is in processing at the library, but should be available for checkout in several weeks. For more information on this new addition to the library or any questions concerning children's activities, please contact the children's librarian at 592-6381.