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**Fun Fact Tidbit**

Public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without internet connections at home, school, or work.



**Safety Topics**

Safety topics were discussed with the children attending the Summer Program that was held on Thursday, June 27, 2013. Officers Rick Salinas and Daniel Gonzalez, featured guests from the Kingsville Police Department, talked to the children about 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks safety. The children asked: *how to identify legal and illegal fireworks, what procedures to follow if someone is injured using a firework, and what ramifications can occur if someone is caught using illegal fireworks.* In addition to fireworks safety, Officer Gonzalez also talked to the children about the important role the Police Department plays each day in keeping the community safe for them and their families. He also explained the function of the Kingsville SWAT Team. Officer Gonzalez informed the children that the SWAT Team was created to assist in situations that escalate with a suspect or suspects. During the presentation, children were randomly selected to be honorary Kingsville SWAT Team members. These honorary members were outfitted with the same equipment that the SWAT Team utilizes. This hands-on experience gave these children an idea of what it is like to be a SWAT Team member. In addition to safety, the officers also discussed the importance of abstaining from alcohol and drugs, and of staying physically fit. Both principles are important for individuals considering a career in law enforcement. Officers Salinas and Gonzalez concluded the presentation by taking additional questions. The children were eager and excited for the opportunity to handle the various SWAT Team equipment. The presentation received positive reviews from the children.

