

**Robert J. Kleberg Public Library Newsletter**  
**Happenings @ your library®**  
**Friday, December 6, 2013**

**Fun Fact Tidbit**

Did you know that Americans check out more than 2 billion items each year from their public libraries, with the average user checking out more than seven books a year?—[librariesforreallife.org](http://librariesforreallife.org)

**La Posada Story Time**

The Robert J. Kleberg Public Library is hosting its fifth annual La Posada Story Time on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at 10 a.m. Story Time, which includes Christmas stories, songs and an ornament activity, will take place at the Community Life Center on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Yoakum. Children will hear a variety of Christmas stories:

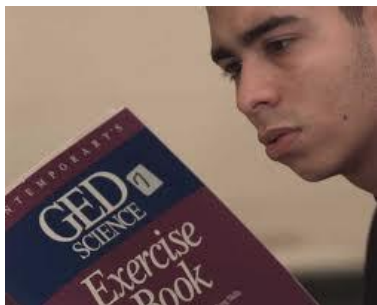


*Sneezy the Snowman* by Maureen Wright, *Olive the Other Reindeer* by J. Otto Seibold, *Who Will Guide My Sleigh Tonight* by Jerry Pallota, and *Jingle All the Way* by Tom Shay-Zapien. Between the readings of each book, the children will be lead in traditional Christmas songs, including “Frosty the Snowman,” “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,” “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” and “Jingle Bells.” This year’s Story Time includes the addition of a holiday reindeer ornament that children will create during the event. The first 40

families to arrive will receive a free holiday book, and all families can enter in drawings for several holiday baskets. Guests are welcome to enjoy cookies and juice afterwards. This event is free to the public. The library invites the community to join in this holiday tradition, one of many events held throughout the city this holiday season and sponsored by La Posada of Kingsville.

**GED and High School Diploma Resources**

Do you need a GED or high school diploma to realize your dream of starting a new career or attending college? If you answered “yes” to this question, the Robert J. Kleberg Public Library has various resources and options to help you on your journey to realizing that dream. A resource accessible through the library’s website ([www.kleberglibrary.com](http://www.kleberglibrary.com)) is the LearningExpress Library, which features the GED Preparation Center. The Center offers



“informative eBooks and interactive courses in every GED subject.” The system also instantly scores your practice tests and essays, which are like the official exams. The Center includes GED preparation for Spanish speakers. Another option is the Master’s Learning Institute, an in-home, high school equivalency program in which interested individuals can earn an actual high school diploma. The Institute program, administered through facilitators, also offers a high school diploma for Spanish speakers. Master’s Learning Institute brochures are available at

the library. The Kleberg County Adult Literacy Council, headquartered in the library, offers GED tutoring for any adult trying to earn a general equivalency diploma. In addition to these resources, the library also has GED study books for in-library use and books for checkout. Checking out books and accessing LearningExpress Library requires a valid library card. For more information on any of these resources, visit or call the library at 592-6381.