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Fun Fact Tidbit

Having quality landscaping and vegetation in and around the places where people work and study is a good investment. Both visual access and being within green space helps to restore the mind's ability to focus. This can improve job and school performance, and help alleviate mental stress and illness.—
http://depts.washington.edu/hhwb/Thm_Mental.html

Landscaping Projects Beautify Library



Patrons visiting the library will notice some new color around the grounds as two recent landscaping projects took aim at beautifying the library by offering more appealing landscaping for visitors and passersby. The courtyard area underwent a complete transformation thanks to the efforts of Poetry Café founder Mrs. Natalie Arispe. Mrs. Arispe initiated the idea for the poetry garden, tilled the soil, planted the wildflowers, and decorated the garden. A special thanks to Mr. Luke Stevens and his crew, Mr. Daniel Rios and Mr. Emilio Soliz, from

the city's Sanitation Department, who built the beautiful walkway. The Poetry Garden, which was once just an open, grassy area, now invites patrons to take a small stroll and enjoy the view of seasonal flora. While strolling in the garden, patrons and visitors are encouraged to read poetry by local poets displayed on the garden's walls. The currently featured poems are from *Views from the Saddle* by Ray A. Twist. Mrs. Arispe will display the works of other local poets in the future. In addition to the Poetry Garden, a brick planter also located in the courtyard is now thriving with seasonal wildflowers. Garden visitors can enjoy watching various native birds partake of the seasonal foliage and the wild seed bird feeder. Drop by the library at 440 N. 4th Street, and relax in this tranquil environment.



In addition, landscaping improvements to the front entrance of the library were accomplished thanks to joint efforts from various entities that included Keep Kingsville Beautiful, City of Kingsville Sanitation Department, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, and NAS Kingsville. Luke Stevens and his crew prepared the ground for planting, and the organizations planted the flowers and hedges. The highlight of all of the landscaping projects was the brickwork installed in the front and on the side of the library by Daniel

Rios and Emilio Soliz. The library has received many compliments about the new landscaping from patrons, neighbors, and passersby. Residents have stated that the grounds' new appearance has brought some outdoor life to a building that services so many, day in and day out. The Library is extremely grateful for the outstanding job of all those who participated in beautifying the library's landscape. Now, the library's exterior is more lively and inviting. These landscaping projects advance the city's efforts to "improve the appearance of our community." Come by and enjoy the beauty of nature at your library.

