

**Robert J. Kleberg Public Library Newsletter**  
**Happenings @ Your Library®**  
**Saturday, September 20, 2014**

### **Library Receives Grant for eBooks**

The Robert J. Kleberg Public Library received a \$6000 grant from the Ladd and Katherine Hancher Library Foundation in Columbus, Texas. The foundation awards grants to accredited Texas State Library Association members who serve a population of 50,000 or less. Recognizing the need to expand the juvenile and youth non-fiction digital collection, the library applied for the grant in June 2014. The main goal in applying for the grant was to replicate the library's current reference collection in digital format. The acquisition of digital research materials will aid online students who are unable to access materials at their school library or who do not have transportation to visit the public library. The digital reference collection will also aid families who home school their children.



With the library's acquisition of non-fiction digital resources, the students will be able to check out research materials online 24/7. The grant from the Ladd and Katherine Hancher Library Foundation will further the library's mission to meet the diverse needs of its young patrons. Students and parents can access the children's digital collection by visiting the library's website, [www.kleberglibrary.com](http://www.kleberglibrary.com), and clicking on the "Visit the Collection for Kids & Teens" icon.

### **Bookmobile Making the Rounds**

For the past month, the library has been actively displaying the *Library on the GO* bookmobile at area events to raise awareness of future bookmobile services for local and surrounding communities. The library has received lots of positive feedback from both children and adults for the efforts the library is making to deliver outreach services to the library community. Recent newspaper articles in



the *Kingsville Record and Bishop News* have also helped drive interest, as well as inform residents of services the *Library on the GO* will be offering. The bookmobile's first appearance was at the Kingsville Independent School District's Community Fair, held on August 15, 2014. Library staff greeted many visitors who were eager to learn about library services and the bookmobile's expected rollout date. The bookmobile's second appearance was at the Second Annual Pinto Bean Festival & BBQ Cook-Off, which was held on August 30, 2014. While at the Cook-Off event, the library

highlighted one aspect of the vehicle's potential by deploying its mobile Wi-Fi hotspot, which over 350 wireless visitors utilized. The library has scheduled an upcoming appearance for the bookmobile at the National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, in Sarita, Texas. Kenedy County residents will have the opportunity to see *Library on the GO* up close. Sarita residents will also have an opportunity to handle and operate several electronic devices, and access the bookmobile's FREE Wi-Fi hotspot for the night. Future bookmobile appearances, which may include the Ranch Hand Festival, are in the planning stages. Citizens and visitors may have another occasion to view the bookmobile at the library's *Howdy Authors!* event scheduled for November 22, 2014. Before the bookmobile is fully operational, additional interior renovations must be completed. The library is currently accepting financial donations from the public to help defray the costs of this final phase of remodeling. For more information about *Library on the GO*, including upcoming appearances, contact the library at 361-592-6381 or visit the library's website.