Robert J. Kleberg Public Library Newsletter Happenings @ Your Library® Saturday, September 26, 2015

Library Visits with Local Students

As part of the library's Public and Academic Outreach Programs, Mr. Joey Garcia, Information & Technology Librarian, and the *Library-on-the-Go* bookmobile made several stops within the last few weeks. On August 21, 2015, the library participated in the Fourth Annual Kingsville Independent School District's (K.I.S.D.) Community Fair. Mr. Garcia shared with students, parents, and educators the various services and resources available at the library. In addition to the information, visitors to the library's booth had an opportunity to interact with *the Maker's ZONE*-mini, a miniature, hands-on version of *the Maker's ZONE*. The Maker's Zone-mini included Snap Circuits® and Hexbugs®, which encourage students to learn more about simple



circuitry. On September 1, 2015, Mr. Garcia visited the Kingsville Leadership Academy Open House. On September 10-11, 2015, middle school students with Santa Gertrudis Independent School District (S.G.I.S.D.) also received a visit from the library. Mr. Garcia shared with the students the importance of libraries and a few best practices to help them succeed with their homework. Some of the services that students saw first-hand included Mango®

Languages, a language-learning program; OverDrive®, the library's eBook platform; Discovery Texas (TexShare Database), an online collection of academic databases, articles, and journals; and LearningExpress Library® 3.0, a collection of homework tutorials, ebooks, and practice exams. In addition, the library took along *The Make's ZONE*-mini. As part of *The Maker's ZONE*-mini experience, the library introduced students to eBooks that related to building circuits and simple robotics. With all of the outreaches, over 200 students, parents, and educators discovered more about the library's resources and services. Plans are under way for the library to bring this academic outreach to K.I.S.D. students in the coming weeks, and to Academy High School students at the beginning of 2016.

Library Offers Employment Resource Center

Patrons who are looking to execute job searches, fill out online applications, or create their own resumes can now do so from one single service called the *Employment Resource Center*. The



Employment Resource Center, which officially opened on July 1, 2015, provides computer and Internet access in one-hour increments, so that users can access state and local employment resources such as the Texas Workforce Commission, Work In Texas, and Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend. In addition, the library also provides direct access from this workstation to its employment resource service, Job & Career Accelerator by LearningExpress Library® 3.0. This service enables users to do a variety of workforce-related functions, which include searching over 1 million job postings in over

1,000 career fields, creating and printing their own resumes with step-by-step guidance, and learning how to prepare for an upcoming job interview. For more information about the Employment Resource Center, contact the library at 361-592-6381.