

Robert J. Kleberg Public Library Newsletter
Happenings @ Your Library®
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OverDrive® Digital Bookmobile Visiting Library

On November 4, 2015, students and residents from Kingsville and surrounding areas in Kleberg and Kenedy Counties will have an opportunity to learn about and interact with the library's digital collection of eBooks and audiobooks. The Digital Bookmobile, a 74-foot long interactive trailer that is sponsored by OverDrive®, the library's digital content vendor, will be setup at the



library from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. This FREE public event is open to both the community and area schools. Visitors to the Bookmobile can browse the library's digital collection with either a library staff member or a trained specialist from OverDrive®, learn how to download the OverDrive® app and checkout items, and receive

training on how to view and return their items. Visitors will also have the opportunity to visit other areas of the Bookmobile that include *Audiobook Alley* for audiobook use, the *eBook Experience* which showcases our eBooks, the *Video Lounge* for a look at how a library can stream movies to your device, and *Gadget Gallery*, which showcases the many devices that are compatible with OverDrive®. In addition, the library will highlight some of its other services, including LearningExpress Library® 3.0. The Digital Bookmobile has been on a national tour that began earlier this spring and is making Kingsville its final stop before closing out its tour and returning home to Ohio. For more information about the Digital Bookmobile event, please contact the library at 361-592-6381 or visit www.kleberglibrary.com.

Overdrive® as an Assistive Reading Tool

Overdrive has a variety of options that make the entire eBook collection a customizable experience for readers. After logging into the eBook Search Catalog from the library's website, patrons can select and adjust settings from their account page. These settings, which include maturity level, cover images, high contrast, and dyslexic font, are applicable while searching the catalog. The Maturity Level option allows a patron to choose the range of content to be viewed while browsing and searching the collection. In the Cover Image option, patrons can decide if they want mature adult covers displayed. If they select "No," the mature adult content images will be replaced with basic covers. Changing the contrast aids patrons with vision impairments, and the Dyslexic font increases readability for readers with dyslexia. Once the book has been selected, a patron has several options to customize the reading experience in Overdrive® Reader. Text size, lighting, justification, line spacing, and font, including the Dyslexic font, are available in the Readability menu. The Assistive option turns on the Open Dyslexic font for the selected book. Patrons can customize the reading experience to meet individual needs.



Maker's ZONE Update

Since the soft launch of the library's makerspace on July 1, 2015, The Maker's ZONE, has been providing hands-on learning to visitors of all ages. Patrons are exposed to a variety of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) based activities that include 3D printing, robotics,



circuit building, and computer coding, just to name a few. Over the past several months, the library conducted a trial period to observe the makerspace's use, so that the necessary modifications could be completed before its official launch, on Thursday, October 1, 2015. During the month of September 2015, the library began keeping statistics for The Maker's ZONE. Patrons made 43 visits and logged in 29 hours of use. In addition, patrons designed and printed over 200 items during the 3D printer's trial period. Halloween ornaments are currently

available to print from the 3D printer catalog. The library is making plans to purchase a larger 3D printer to accommodate the high level of use. As part of the library's commitment to this service, the library has purchased over 30 eBooks that deal with STEAM subjects. Already available in the eBook catalog, this collection offers supplemental information for the activities found in The Maker's ZONE, and introduces materials to students who may not have a passion for reading in today's digital society. For more information about The Maker's ZONE, call the library at 361-592-6381.

Library Representatives Speak with Woman's Club

On Tuesday, September 15, 2015, Mr. Joey Garcia, Information and Technology Librarian, spoke before the Woman's Club about the value of the library to the community and the advantages of having a library card. On Monday, September 28, 2015, Mr. Robert Rodriguez, Library Director, and Mr. Garcia, spoke before the Woman's Club of Kingsville at the Cherry Tree Tea Room. Mr. Rodriguez discussed the library's closure, the reason for the closure, and the renovations. After he spoke, members had an opportunity to ask questions. Some of the questions concerned the library's online services, including Mango® Languages, TexShare®: Discovery Texas, LearningExpress Library® 3.0, and the library's eBook collection. Members asked follow-up questions about eBooks: checkout limit (six), lending periods (two weeks), and fines (no fines accrued - items are automatically returned to the collection at the end of two weeks.) Library representatives invited the members to visit the library or its website and learn more about available services. The history of the Robert J. Kleberg Public Library is inextricably interwoven with that of the Woman's Club of Kingsville. Both began on February 23, 1909, when Mrs. James I. Toner (later Mrs. John D. Finnegan) called together a group of nine women to organize a woman's club with the major objective of establishing a free public library.



Halloween Storytime



The library will be hosting a Special Storytime on Halloween, Saturday, October 31, 2015, at 10 a.m. Ms. Danielle Friend, Children's Librarian, will be reading a selection of Halloween stories that are appropriate for all ages. Patrons can wear costumes, but costumes are not necessary to attend. Ms. Friend's guinea pig, Buttons, will be in costume. Come by, visit with Buttons, and start your Halloween festivities at the library. Don't forget your cameras!