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Robert J. Kleberg Public Library

Newsletter

Happenings @ Your Library

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IMPORTANT DATES

January:

03 – In observance of the New Year's Day holiday, the library will be closed. The library will reopen Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 8 a.m.

11 – "Getting Started with Excel" (adult beginners Excel class), 10-11 a.m., Children's Computer Lab - **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

14 – "Teddy Bear Friends" Storytime, 10-11 a.m., Children's Area

17 – In observance of *Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday*, the library will be closed. The library will reopen on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at 8 a.m.

21 – 'Bots and Books, a hands-on robotic experience, 10 a.m.-12 noon, Juvenile Sitting Area - **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

25 – Library Board meeting, 4 p.m., Library Conference Room

**Toddler Storytime every
Thursday at 9:30 a.m.**

~New Year: Try Something New @ Your Library~

Adult Beginners Excel Class

On Wednesday, January 11 and February 15, 2017, Rohini Adhyaru, Digital Services Librarian, is conducting an adult beginners Excel class. This **FREE** class will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Participants will learn basic Excel terms, Excel tips and shortcuts, formulas, and spreadsheet creation. Registered patrons will meet in the Children's Computer Lab.



Because of limited seating, interested patrons who have a valid library card must register at the Circulation Desk during normal business hours. For more information, contact Mrs. Adhyaru at 361.592.6381.

"Teddy Bear Friends" Storytime

On Saturday, January 14, 2017, the library is hosting a special storytime. From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Danielle Friend, Children's Services

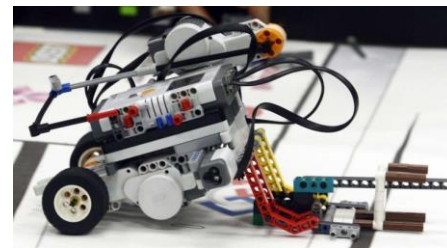


Librarian, will read a selection of books that celebrated the stuffed friends that make life "bearable." Patrons are welcome to bring a well-behaved stuffed animal to join them at the storytime. In addition to this special storytime, the Children's Services Department hosts a weekly

Toddler Storytime every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Build a Better World: 'Bots & Books

On Saturday, January 21, 2017, Rohini Adhyaru, Digital Services Librarian, is offering the second 'Bots & Books session. This session is from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Children 6-14 years old who want to learn more about robotics and coding, can sign up for this session. Because of the limited number of programming kits, registration is required. Trained staff will guide the children to design, build, and program a working robot with Lego®s. The session is free, and the library provides the kits. For more information, contact Mrs. Adhyaru.



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HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday-Friday:

8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday:

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Closed Sunday & Monday

STAFF MILESTONES

January:

20 – Mary Ann Escamilla,
Reference Librarian, 31 years
of service

22 – Edward Barrientes, Facility
Custodial Services, 1 year of
service

NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES

To schedule Notary Public
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OUTREACH SCHEDULING

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Learn a New Language with One of Two Online Resources:

Mango Languages

The library offers Mango® Languages, through which patrons can learn real-world communication skills and cultural insights for over 71 languages, which include foreign language courses for English speakers and English courses for non-English speakers. To enhance the language learner's experience, several films are available. In addition, Mango® offers thematic and cultural specialty courses including medical and legal Spanish, texting for Spanish and ESL Spanish, and St. Patrick's Day Irish. To access Mango® Languages, a patron must have a valid library card with the Robert J. Kleberg Public Library. Click on the Mango icon from the library's website to get started.



Pronunciator

In addition to Mango® Languages, the library offers Pronunciator. According to Pronunciator's press release, this service is a fun and easy way to learn any of 80 languages. This resource includes live tutors, feature films, music with lyrics, pronunciation analysis, quizzes, and more.



Pronunciator also features English as a Second Language (ESL) courses for 50 non-english languages. Patrons wanting to access this resource can contact the Reference Librarian for the userID and password. Once patrons

obtain that information, they can visit the library's website, select the eLearning Resources menu tab, and click on TexShare Databases.

Christmas Story Hour Fun

As part of the citywide La Posada activities, the library hosted a Christmas Story Hour on December 17, 2016. Danielle Friend, Children's Services Librarian, read a special selection of Christmas stories, and led the children in Christmas songs. Santa made a surprise appearance at the end of the Christmas Story Hour. The children enjoyed the treats and free books distributed by Santa and his elves.

