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Library Announces “Hot Authors” Program

New Braunfels, TX – New books by the top ten authors read by New Braunfels Public Library patrons (as indicated by the number of holds placed through the library’s reserve express system) will now be limited to a one week check-out period. With this new “Hot Authors” program the library hopes to make books by the most popular authors available faster to library patrons.

“We’ve found that our patrons want to read books by these authors as soon as they are published and by limiting the check-out period to one week we feel they will be able to obtain the books they are interested in with a shorter time spent waiting for their turn,” said Library Director Gretchen Pruett.

The authors included in the “Hot Authors” program are: David Baldacci, Lee Child, Michael Connelly, Janet Evanovich, Sue Grafton, John Grisham, James Patterson, Nora Roberts, John Sandford, and Nicholas Sparks.

The changes are effective immediately and only pertain to titles by those authors in the library’s New Books section.

The library also plans to continue its popular “Hot Reads” program. This initiative makes one copy of new titles by these same authors available to patrons visiting the library building. This copy is not part of the reserve express system, cannot be placed on hold and is kept on special shelving in the New Books section. The “Hot Reads” program is designed to reward regular library visitors with the opportunity to check out a very popular title without having to place it on hold and wait for it.

“We believe the new circulation plan for our most popular authors will help our patrons,” said Pruett. “They will have a shorter time to read these popular books, but the “Hot Authors” program will cut down on the length of time they wait in order to have an opportunity to read them. “Hot Authors” combined with “Hot Reads” will result in our most popular books getting into the hands of more readers quickly.”

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