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**FIRST LEGO League Informational Session**

**New Braunfels, TX** – The New Braunfels Public Library will hold an informational session about the Junior FIRST LEGO League on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the library’s large meeting room. The library is currently forming teams for the Junior FIRST LEGO League, with regular meetings beginning in January. Those interested in participating in the free program should attend this meeting. Those who cannot attend may request more information at [youthservices@nbtexas.org](mailto:youthservices@nbtexas.org).

Junior FIRST LEGO League teams typically consist of six members, whose ages are limited to six to nine year olds. The library is seeking team members as well as parents who are willing to help coach the teams.

“The number of teams we can have depends on the number of parents who are willing to help coach. No experience is necessary to coach, just enthusiasm,” says Youth Services Librarian Kit Ward-Crixell. “The program runs for six weeks. This is a great way for parents and their young children to get involved in a creative, exciting engineering project, which can lead them all the way through FIRST Robotics competitions in high school. LEGO Robotics can help lead to higher education and careers in engineering. In fact, FIRST Robotics participants are eligible for college scholarships. This year \$18 million in scholarships were awarded to FIRST Robotics participants worldwide. It all starts with this Junior FIRST LEGO League.”

Once teams are formed for the league, they will meet on a regular basis at the Westside Community Center in January and February. Teams will build a challenge-themed model, create a poster about the model, and - for the second year - exhibit their completed projects at the Alamo Regional Junior FIRST LEGO League Expo on March 1, 2014 in San Antonio. The Friends of the New Braunfels Public Library sponsor this free program and all of the library’s FIRST LEGO Robotics Leagues.

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