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### **Library Offers Sketchbook Art Program for Teens**

**New Braunfels, Texas** — New Braunfels teens have the opportunity to have their artwork exhibited at South by Southwest (SXSW) by participating in the free Sketchbook Project at New Braunfels Public Library. The Sketchbook Project is a worldwide traveling exhibit of sketchbooks by artists of all ages. Once a community receives a sketchbook, local writers, artists, and photographers fill it up and the book is digitized and placed online for everyone to see. The books also go on tour throughout the country.

The New Braunfels Public Library Youth Services department has had a Sketchbook since this past summer, and several teen artists have already contributed. Youth Services staff member Megan Clark is seeking more artists and writers to take on the task of completing a two-page spread in the book by January 15th. Artists can bring their own supplies to the library or use the library's collection of paint, colored pencils, markers, and glue sticks. The book must remain in the library, but artists can work on it there by asking for it at the Help Desk.

“Teens who participate in library programs like the Anime and Manga Club or the Readers’ and Writers’ Group are very creative,” says Kit Ward-Crixell, Youth Services Librarian. “The Sketchbook Project is a way for them to share their artwork with a wider audience. It's a bit scary to put your work out there, but knowing you’re doing it in a group of other people makes it less intimidating. We can’t wait to see what people create!”

More information about “The Sketchbook Project” may be found on the web at [www.sketchbookproject.com](http://www.sketchbookproject.com). For more information about the library's Sketchbook, call the library at 830-221-4300.

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