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Saturday Programming for Children Offered by the Library

New Braunfels, Texas — The New Braunfels Public Library is offering several programs for children every Saturday, including special programs for older children.

At 10:30 a.m. on each Saturday the library begins its children's programming with *Super Saturday Storytime*, featuring stories, songs and crafts for children of all ages.

On the first Saturday of the month the library offers *Shingaku Otaku* from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. for children from the age of 9 to 13. *Shingaku Otaku* focuses on Japanese culture and animation, and will appeal to children interested in manga and anime. If your child likes Pokemon, Totoro, Japanese animated movies and Japanese graphic novels, *Shingaku Otaku* is the program to attend.

On the second Saturday of the month the library offers *NBPL Kids' Book Club* from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. for children from the age of 9 to 13. *NBPL Kids' Book Club* is the perfect place to be for kids who love to read. This program has fun book-related activities such as creative writing activities, the discussion of passages from books, poetry writing, and crafts, including the creation of book jackets.

On the third Saturday of the month the library offers *Roots & Shoots* from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. for children of all ages. This program teaches children all about the environment and local plants and animals. Each month *Roots & Shoots*, an international nature organization founded by Jane Goodall, offers a different fun and educational nature-related project for kids to participate in.

"The library is pleased to provide programs for children on Saturdays, and we hope that these programs appeal to older elementary school-age children," said Youth Services Librarian Kit Ward-Crixell. "Typically we have offered programs for teens and younger children, but haven't had anything geared toward older elementary school-age children. By offering these regular Saturday programs, we're helping to make sure that older children, or tweens, have plenty of learning opportunities at the library."

The Friends of the New Braunfels Public Library provides financial support for these library programs. For more information call the New Braunfels Public Library's Children's Desk at 221-4307. All library programs are free and open to the general public

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