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### **Library Offers Musical Program for *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* Participants**

**New Braunfels, TX** -- The New Braunfels Public Library celebrates the successful start to its *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* reading program with a musical program on Saturday, February 22nd at 10:30 a.m., featuring “Mr. Johnny & Sharon” from Austin. This musical event is geared toward toddlers and preschool children and is interactive in nature, as “Mr. Johnny & Sharon” involve the children in the audience with their songs and games. Families currently enrolled in the program are invited to attend, as are those with small children who are interested in learning more about *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten*.

“We’ve had a great response to *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten*, with over 300 children signed up already. We’re planning to have these kinds of events once every few months to celebrate the progress families are making reading to their small children and coming to the library,” said Children’s Librarian Jenny Rodriguez.

*1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* is a national reading program for families with children from birth to the start of kindergarten. It is designed to encourage early literacy, family bonds, and lifetime memories. Each family enrolled in the program receives a book bag and welcome sheet with instructions, a reading log, and a progress card. Regular get-togethers will feature storytimes, activities, and early literacy tips. At the half-way point of 500 books read, children will receive a small stuffed animal. When a family reaches the goal of 1,000 books, children will receive a book and a certificate as well as acknowledgement in a library display.

*1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* is made possible with the generous support of *The Friends of the New Braunfels Public Library*. For more information about *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* call Jenny Rodriguez at 830-221-4314.

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