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New Braunfels Public Library Launches Initial Community Read Program with “Space Chronicles: Facing the Final Frontier”

New Braunfels, TX – Patrons will have the opportunity to spend the summer exploring space with the New Braunfels Public Library’s Community Read program. Participants are encouraged to check out one of multiple copies of *Space Chronicles: Facing the Final Frontier*, by Neil deGrasse Tyson, and take part in all the free book discussions, activities, and community events being scheduled for all ages.

With the 45th anniversary of the moon landing coming later this summer, and the reboot of the TV series *Cosmos*, featuring a book about space for the inaugural year of the program was the consensus of the library staff. In *Space Chronicles*, Neil deGrasse Tyson, astrophysicist, director of the Hayden Planetarium in New York City, and the host of the TV show *Cosmos*, expands upon his essays on space and space exploration that have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Natural History*, and *Parade*. This compelling examination of space exploration makes the case that it’s time for the United States to make its space program great again. Kirkus Reviews calls *Space Chronicles*: “An enthusiastic, persuasive case to start probing outer space again.”

“*Space Chronicles* is certain to engage the community during the library’s science-themed Summer Reading Program for children, teens and adults,” said Librarian, and space enthusiast, Ben Pensiero. “Our staff has planned multiple space and science related events, including a discussion of this book that I will be leading in July.”

A Thursday night Space and Science Movie series will be presented all summer, and there will be special programs such as Bricks In Space and Space Memorabilia Show and Tell. The program will also feature a visit from “Einstein” (Duffy Hudson), who will speak and answer the audience’s science questions on July 9th.

“When you sign up for the Adult Summer Reading program, you will also get a Community Reader card,” said Youth Services Librarian Kit Ward-Crixell. “Watch for special offers from local businesses for cardholders on the library Facebook page. Businesses interested in learning more about becoming a part of the Community Reader program should contact me at 830-221-4319.”

“We’ve wanted to begin a Community Read program for several years for the obvious benefits to the city and surrounding area. Finding just the right book was the biggest challenge. Many members of our library staff are fascinated by space and we were looking for a great space-themed book to share,” said Library Director Gretchen Pruett. “This program is a wonderful opportunity to bring individuals together in the community through a shared reading experience. It is certain to enrich the lives of those who participate. We’ll be offering great prizes for readers, and great programs that will teach and enlighten. This is definitely a summer to spend at the New Braunfels Public Library.”

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