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**Library Offers Computer Science Education Week Workshops
at Westside Community Center**

New Braunfels, TX – As part of Computer Science Education Week, free workshops on various aspects of computing and technology will be held for youths ages 9-18 at the Westside Community Center, on Tuesday, December 9th, Wednesday, December 10th, and Thursday, December 11th at 4:30 p.m.

Those interested in attending should register online at nbtexas.org/libraryevents or by calling 830-221-4300. Only 15 slots are available for each workshop. Each session will offer identical content so participants should register for the date they wish to attend. These workshops will allow attendees to use www.code.org for an hour of code on laptops (on provided iPads with a coding app) to learn coding basics and will also offer a computer science related activity.

Computer Science Education Week (on the web at csedweek.org) seeks to teach youth basic skills in computer science and coding, and to promote computer science education for K-12 students. This annual program is organized by the Computer in the Core coalition, which notes on its website that more than 50% of all jobs in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) are computing jobs and that computer programming jobs are growing at two times the national average -- but there aren't enough graduates to fill these jobs.

“Computer Science education is becoming essential for students in the 21st-century, as they anticipate a technology-driven economy in the future,” notes Library Director Gretchen Pruett. “We hope that by offering these workshops at the Westside, the library will be helping today’s youth prepare for the future.”

The Westside Community Center is located at 2932 S. IH-35, on the corner of S. Krueger Avenue and the southbound IH-35 access road. For more information contact Kesha Thomas at 830-221-4303.

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