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## **Library and Westside Community Center to Host Free Financial Literacy Classes**

**New Braunfels, TX** - The New Braunfels Public Library will offer a series of free financial literacy classes in the library's large meeting room and at the Westside Community Center as part of Money Smart Week @ Your Library. Topics covered in these classes include using Excel spreadsheets to manage investments, selling crafts on Etsy, creating an online Social Security account, and household budgeting.

Money Smart Week is a national initiative between the American Library Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago designed to provide financial literacy programming in order to assist community members in managing their personal finances more effectively.

"Financial literacy is important for everybody, especially for those with limited financial resources and those preparing to live on a fixed income in retirement," said library director Gretchen Pruett. "These free classes can be a great help, and we hope many people come to the library or to the Westside Community Center to take advantage of the knowledge they can gain through Money Smart Week."

The Westside Community Center is located at 2932 S. IH-35 and the New Braunfels Public Library is located at 700 E. Common Street.

This program is made possible with the support of *The Friends of the New Braunfels Public Library*.

For more information, contact Alix Samuels at 830-221-4316.

### **Schedule of Money Smart Week classes:**

**Make Money Selling Crafts on Etsy - Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. - New Braunfels Public Library**

Find out how to set up a successful online shop. Jennifer Conner will explain some of the benefits and pitfalls of selling crafts on Etsy.

**Tracking Your Investments with Excel - Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. - New Braunfels Public Library**

Bring your laptop to the library's meeting room with Excel 2007, 2010 or 2013, for a class taught by Dave Dean. He'll cover setting up and editing investment spreadsheets.

**Create Your Online Social Security Account - Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Westside Community Center**

Representatives from the Social Security Administration will be on hand to help you create "MySSA"-- an online Social Security account.

**Save Money with a Household Budget and Learn about the New Coupon Library - Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. - Westside Community Center**

Dave Dean will discuss different types of budgeting, and librarian Alix Samuels will introduce the new Coupon Library, which will be available beginning Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> in the second floor library.

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