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### **Library Offering Watercolor Art Program for Children**

**New Braunfels, TX** - The New Braunfels Public Library will offer a special, free watercolor art program for children ages 8-12 on Wednesday, April 22nd at 4 p.m. in the library's backyard reading garden.

Michael P. Earney, renowned fine arts painter and creator of a new children's book, *The A to Z Book of Birds: An ABC for Young Bird Lovers*, will demonstrate basic watercolor techniques along with local artist Channe Felton. Afterward, children will have the opportunity to experiment with watercolors and create a nature-inspired work of their own with his guidance and instruction.

Mr. Earney has worked in a variety of media, including ceramic sculpting and pottery, and is also an award-winning documentary filmmaker. He co-authored *Land and Cattle*, and wrote and published *Magic Faces, Caras Magicas*, a collection of Mexican mask paintings with text in English and Spanish. His paintings included in Los Aves de los altos de Chiapas and La Pitahaya en las Artes Plasticos, and he has contributed both artwork and writing to a variety of publications, including illustrations for *A Practical Guide to Edible & Useful Plants*, published by Texas Monthly Press and University of Texas Press. For more information on his art, visit [www.earneyworks.com](http://www.earneyworks.com)

Channe Felton, who will be assisting with the program, has enjoyed a long career as a painter and she has drawn inspiration from the Texas Hill Country where she lives and paints. To learn more about her work, visit [www.channefelton.com](http://www.channefelton.com).

"We're thrilled to offer an outdoor art program on a beautiful spring day in our reading garden," said Library Director, Gretchen Pruett. "The kids participating in this program will be inspired by the art of Mr. Earney and Ms. Felton and will enjoy the opportunity to paint some of the beautiful wildflowers growing in the library's backyard. We hope to be able to continue offering art programs such as this for children at the library."

To take part, register online at [www.nbtexas.org/library](http://www.nbtexas.org/library) under the “Library Calendar” tab or call 830-221-4300. For more information about this event contact Children’s Librarian Jenny Rodriguez at 830-221-4314.

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

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