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### **Library Summer Reading Program**

The New Braunfels Public Library will hold its Summer Reading Kickoff on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This fun-filled event marks the beginning of an exciting two month summer reading program for library patrons of all ages. The kickoff event will offer children, teens, and adults their first opportunity to sign up for the summer reading program, as well as enjoy a StoryWalk®, games, crafts, free popcorn, and special performances by Parent's Choice Award winner Joe McDermott at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Also, beginning at 9:00 a.m., the Friends of the Library will hold their annual Children's Book Sale at the Friends building at the Library's north parking lot. Thousands of children's books, board books, and young adult books will be sold for fifty cents each.

This year's summer reading program, "Read for the Win!" will offer a variety of special events and programs from animal shows, college prep, live music performances, informative lectures, and more.

In addition, this year's summer reading program will include additional programming for teens, educational programs, and special performances for children, a jazz concert for all ages, and lecture series for adults, as well as grand prizes for adults, and weekly prize drawings. Those who register for the summer reading program will receive reading logs with instructions and a complete list of all events throughout the summer. This information will also be available on the library's website at [www.nbtexas.org/library](http://www.nbtexas.org/library).

Some of the highlights of this year's summer reading program include:

- *Austin Reptiles*: an educational program featuring live reptiles from around the world.
- *Healthy Eating and Cooking with Laura Torres*: Currently an intern at the University of Texas at Austin Coordinated Program in Dietetics, Laura Torres has a B.S. from the University of California at San Diego and is a Nutrition Educator for WeViva, a non-profit company that offers free nutrition and fitness programs to low-income communities.
- *Matt Sandbank's Shadow Factory*: Shadow puppet shows that enliven the imagination and awaken a sense of wonder and promises a "rollicking good time for all!"

- *Wild Things Zoofari*: Children of all ages will have the opportunity to see wild animals up close in this engaging animal show.
- *College 101*: These programs for teens are designed to introduce and familiarize future college students to various aspects of campus life, from cooking to budgeting, and joining clubs.
- *Mr. Will Dupree*—an interactive concert for toddlers and preschoolers with Austin singer/songwriter.
- *A Drumming and Storytelling Event with Len Barnett and Cathy Whiteman*: Len Barnett is a versatile percussionist in several musical genres, with extensive experience performing traditional rhythms and instruments from many cultures. Storyteller Catherine Whiteman has performed throughout the state of Texas as an actress/singer/storyteller for over twenty years. A performance you won't want to miss.
- *Harry Potter Alliance*: Need to get volunteer hours or just want to spend time making your community a better place? Join the Harry Potter Alliance - a new program for teens that turns the power of fandom into the power of change.
- *The Bill King Jazz Quartet*: Back by popular demand. The nationally acclaimed jazz group from San Antonio featuring saxophone, piano, drums, and upright bass, will perform jazz standards.

“Last year’s summer reading program was one of our most successful ever, and we want to build on last year’s program with more events and incentives for reading and learning, including new levels for our children’s program” said Library Director Gretchen Pruett. “This year’s theme is a celebration of literacy and achievement. We hope to inspire individuals to strive toward goals and provide them with the tools and resources to achieve them. Whether that means looking for new volunteer opportunities, committing to a healthier lifestyle, or learning a new skill, the library is here to help. This summer we’re offering our community a variety of programs that can help connect people of all ages to the library’s role in the process of learning and growing.”

The summer reading program’s special programs are supported by *The Friends of the New Braunfels Public Library*.

For information about the summer reading program for children contact Jenny Rodriguez at 221-4314; for teens contact Ariel Cummins at 221-4319, and for adults contact Lynn Thompson at 221-4315.

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