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**RIOMobile Bookmobile Bash at the New Braunfels Public Library**

**New Braunfels, TX** - The New Braunfels Public Library(NBPL) is throwing a Bookmobile Bash on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., to celebrate the arrival of the RIOMobile (Reading and Inspiration through Outreach), the city's new mobile library and outreach vehicle. There will be tours of the new vehicle, performances from Lucas Miller the Singing Zoologist, free face painting, crafts, and free snow cones courtesy of Kona-Ice New Braunfels.

The RIOMobile is approximately 30 feet long and 11 feet high and can carry roughly 3,000 items on its shelves. It functions primarily as a library branch on wheels, making regular weekly and bi-weekly stops throughout the city. While onboard, library patrons can browse and check out books, return books, pick up their holds, sign up for a library card, and pay fines. Starting July 19<sup>th</sup>, the RIOMobile will be making stops around the community at places like the Fischer Park Nature Center, the McKenna Children's Museum, the YMCA, and Morningside and Freiheit Elementary Schools.

NBPL favorite Miller, who performs at 11:00 a.m., holds a B.A. in zoology, and brings science to life in a wildly animated style. With an electric guitar, a trunk full of puppets and images projected onto a large screen, he delights preschoolers and upper-elementary kids alike while teaching about monarch butterflies, wetlands, adaptations, metamorphosis and other topics.

Outreach Librarian Jonathan Margheim, who is in charge of the RIOMobile, will be on hand to answer any questions about the new vehicle and the services it will provide. The RIOMobile was purchased by the New Braunfels Public Library Foundation this year through many generous donations, and was presented to the City on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

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