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## New Braunfels Public Library Partners with Communities in Schools for "Pack the Bus"

New Braunfels, Texas — During the weekend of August 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>, patrons with outstanding fines can reduce them by bringing in needed school supplies as a part of the Communities In Schools "Pack the Bus" annual school supply drive. The Library will reduce overdue fines by \$2 for every new school supply item received. The donated supplies will be distributed by Communities in Schools to students in need in Guadalupe and Comal counties.

Most needed school supply items include 1" and 2" binders, large and small backpacks, wide ruled notebook paper and composition notebooks, low-odor dry erase markers, plastic and regular folders with brads and pockets, binder divider tabs, washable markers, highlighters, Fiskars® scissors, colored map pencils, pencil bags and boxes, glue sticks, construction paper, and manila paper.

Patrons who do not owe fines but wish to donate school supplies may also do so at the library during that time.

"Our 'Pack the Bus' collection has the added benefit of allowing library patrons to restore their membership by decreasing overdue fines through needed donations, as well as help those students most in need in our community," said Library Director Gretchen Pruett. "We're very happy to be able to partner with Communities in Schools and assist in their efforts this year."

For additional information about CIS visit <u>www.cis-sct.org</u>, for more information about overdue fines or eligible items, contact New Braunfels Public Library at 830-221-4300.