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## **Summer Reading Program Kickoff at the New Braunfels Public Library**

**New Braunfels, TX** - The New Braunfels Public Library will hold its Summer Reading Kickoff on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This fun-filled event marks the beginning of an exciting two month program for library patrons of all ages. The event will offer children, teens and adults the opportunity to register for the Summer Reading Program, as well as enjoy craft activities, free snow cones courtesy of Kona Ice of New Braunfels, and a special concert by Joe McDermott at 11:00 a.m. Also, beginning at 9:00 a.m., the Friends of the Library will hold their 7<sup>th</sup> annual Children's Book Sale at the Friends building in the Library's north parking lot. Thousands of children's books, board books, and young adult books will be sold for 50 cents each.

"This year's Summer Reading Program, 'Build a Better World,' will offer a variety of events and will include enhanced programming for teens, additional educational programs and special performances for children, a Summer Concert series, and prizes and prize drawings for all ages," said Library Director Gretchen Pruett. "In addition to a wonderful programming lineup, we are excited to introduce online tracking this year. Readers can log their reading anytime, anywhere, with their phone or other smart device and will be automatically notified when they're eligible for prizes or raffle tickets."

Those who register for the Summer Reading Program will receive instructions for tracking their reading online, as well as a complete list of all events throughout the summer. This information will 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 program include:

- *Positive RePercussions*: Learn about drumming and various percussion instruments at this fun, interactive program for kids.
- *Teen Painting Party*: A free, guided painting party just for teens – all supplies provided.
- *Sandbank Shadow Factory*: Shadow puppetry at its best. Matt Sandbank will amaze and inspire families with his hilarious tales.
- *Harry Potter Alliance*: Tackle a fun service project with other teens and get in volunteer hours while you're at it!

- *OWL (Older, Wiser, Livelier)*: A variety of programs for seniors every Monday. Programs include yoga for seniors, movies, learn to play bridge and 42, and more.
- *Chemistry Roadshow*: Fire, explosions and crazy chemical reactions, presented by Texas A&M University.
- *Homesteading 101*: Topics this summer include drought tolerant landscaping and pasta making.
- *Magician Cody Fisher*: Cody Fisher's unique blend of comedy mixed with mind-blowing magic has taken him all across the U.S.A. and over 20 countries worldwide. Join us at one of our special performances for kids and prepare to be amazed.
- *Zoofari*: Join us for this unique opportunity to see many exotic mammals up close. Children and adults will leave this entertaining show informed about the various animals, their habitats and habits.
- *Storytimes*: Join us for storytimes for all ages! Themes this summer include: giving and sharing, kindness, learning new skills, mindfulness and self-care.

“This summer we’re exploring the theme of building a better world in many ways, from the small changes we can make every day in our own lives to tackling service projects in our community,” Pruettt noted. “In addition to providing incentives for reading, we hope to expose our patrons to a variety of programs that can help expand their horizons and connect them to the library’s role in the process of learning and growing at every age.”

These 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 830-221-4314; for teens contact Ariel Cummins at 830-221-4319; and for adults contact Toni Davenport at 830-221-4325.

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