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New Braunfels Public Library Partners with Communities in Schools for “Pack the Bus”

New Braunfels, Texas — During the month of July, 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 (CIS) 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 (with reinforcements) and pencil 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 helping those students most in need in our community. We don’t want overdue fines to keep children and families from using the library, particularly in the summer,” said Library Director Gretchen Pruett. “We had such an enthusiastic response to our collection last year that we wanted to expand it this year. We’re very happy to be able to partner with CIS and assist in their efforts again.”

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

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