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**Summer Reading Program Kickoff at the New Braunfels Public Library Slated for
Saturday, June 2nd**

New Braunfels, TX - The New Braunfels Public Library will hold its Summer Reading Kickoff on Saturday, June 2nd, 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 provide children, teens and adults the opportunity to pick up a log and enjoy craft activities and also offers free snow cones for kids from Kona Ice of New Braunfels.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m., the Friends of the Library will hold their 8th annual Children's Book Sale at the Friends building adjacent to the Library's north parking lot. Thousands of children's books, board books, and young adult books will be sold for 50 cents each. In addition, there will be special performances by Silly Sparkles the Clown at 10:30 a.m. and Circus Chicken Dog at 12:00 p.m.

This year's Summer Reading Program, "Libraries Rock!," will offer a variety of events and will include enhanced programming for teens and tweens, additional educational programs and special performances for children, and prizes and prize drawings for all ages. Programming for adults will continue all summer long and includes crafting, fitness classes, book discussion groups, tech help, and more.

"We love the theme for summer this year because it gives us the opportunity to highlight all the wonderful resources and programming your library has to offer," said Library Director Gretchen Pruett. "This year, readers simply pick up an activity log (or print one from home) and mark off minutes read or activities completed to win prizes. Kids, teens, and adults all have the same activity log and we encourage families to read and have fun together."

Activity logs and program information are available on the library's website at www.nbtexas.org/library.

Some of the highlights of this year's Summer Reading Program include:

- *Pint-sized Polkas*: Bring your kids to this toe-tapping performance by Mike Schneider and discover the joy and fun that you can experience with polka music.
- *Dinosaur George*: Dinosaur George has performed live to over four million students and adults throughout North America. His shows are educational, fun and informative. He'll be bringing authentic and replica dinosaur skulls, teeth, claws, bones and eggs from around the world.
- *Austin Reptiles*: Austin Reptiles will present a fun and educational program featuring live reptiles from around the world. Kids will learn about reptile diversity, adaptations, biology, and conservation in this high-energy learning experience.

- *Magician John O'Bryant*: Bryant's unique blend of comedy mixed with mind-blowing magic has taken him across the U.S. Prepare to be amazed at one of the special performances for kids.
- *Zoofari*: This is a 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.

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 Toni Davenport at 221-4325.

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