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### **Time to Sign with the ASL Conversation Club at NBPL**

**New Braunfels, TX** — Those with knowledge of American Sign Language (ASL) — be they deaf or hearing — will have the opportunity to come together monthly to chat or practice their signing when the ASL Conversation Club kicks off on Tuesday, October 16th, at 6:30 p.m. at the New Braunfels Public Library.

“I have a basic knowledge of sign language, so I’ve been chatting with one of our patrons who is deaf about ways to support the deaf community in New Braunfels,” said Adult Services Librarian Toni Davenport. “We decided to create this monthly program to encourage folks to come together, sign with each other, and enjoy activities together. We might play games, watch short films and discuss them, or have guest speakers from the community. The intent is for those who are deaf and those who are hearing to come together and utilize their sign language skills.”

New Braunfels has a large deaf community, Davenport said, and there are also many folks who are hearing who want to work on their sign language skills.

“Even though my skills are only at a basic level, I’ve been encouraged by several people in the deaf community to sign whenever I can,” Davenport said. “My hope is that this program will provide opportunities for those in the deaf community and those who are hearing to come together, get to know one another, and sign.”

Attendees of the club’s first meeting can feel free to come with ideas for future meet-ups, including games, activities, and guest speaker recommendations.

The conversation club will be held the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the New Braunfels Public Library, located at 700 E. Common St. in New Braunfels.

Many library programs, including the ASL Conversation Club, are made possible with the support of the Friends of the New Braunfels Public Library.

For questions about ASL Conversation Club, or other library programs, call 830-221-4300 or visit <http://www.nbtexas.org/114/Library>.

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