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New Braunfels Public Library Introduces Book Kiosk at Das Rec

New Braunfels, TX — It's a vending machine, without a doubt — but visitors to Das Rec won't find any chips or candy here. Rather, courtesy of the New Braunfels Public Library Foundation, Das Rec members now can check out library materials from the New Braunfels Public Library's newest service point: the book kiosk at the recreation center.

"It would be difficult to overstate how well received Das Rec has been in the New Braunfels community," said Library Director Gretchen Pruett. "It was the ideal location for the library's book kiosk, and it will enhance the experiences of both library and Das Rec patrons. We cannot thank the Foundation enough for supporting this vision."

The book kiosk contains fiction books, youth books, children's books, audiobooks, DVDs and play-alongs, all of which are available for standard library loan periods (three weeks for books and audiobooks, one week for DVDs). Kiosk patrons simply scan their library card, enter the row number of the material they are checking out and press "OK." The kiosk will release the item and print a receipt.

A book return is located next to the kiosk, and any New Braunfels Public Library materials can be dropped off there, not just kiosk items.

The New Braunfels Public Library Foundation will officially gift the book kiosk to the City of New Braunfels at the City Council meeting on Monday, March 25th, after celebrating the kiosk's grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, March 19th.

The Foundation is a 501c(3) organization whose mission is to secure private funding to meet the library's needs for program development and improvement of services and facilities that are not normally met by public funding.

For more information about the book kiosk, contact the New Braunfels Public Library at 830-221-4300. The main library is located at 700 E. Common St. in New Braunfels.

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