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Westside Community Center Library Increases Hours and Programming

New Braunfels, TX - The Westside Community Center Library will add additional days and hours of operation beginning Tuesday, May 5th. The upstairs library will now be open five consecutive days, doubling its previous hours. New hours of operation will be from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. The Center is located at 2932 S. IH-35.

The expanded hours will provide easier access to the library's collections, its computers and printers, and will also allow for increased library programming.

"By being open five consecutive days each week the Westside Community Center Library will provide much more to the community than we've been able to manage in the past, and this change will help families in the neighborhood to take full advantage of the all the resources and excellent programs we offer there," said Library Director Gretchen Pruett.

The Westside Community Center Library is already offering additional storytimes for children on Thursday mornings, with preschool storytime offered at 9:30 a.m. followed by a toddler time at 10:30 a.m. More children's and teen's programming is scheduled to begin during the Summer Reading Program in June, and will continue into the fall months and beyond.

The Center is also adding a new gardening program for adults and children every second and fourth Saturday of the month, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

"We hope this gardening program, provided in partnership with the Comal Master Gardeners, will increase participation in the Westside's Community Garden, as well as communicate the many benefits of gardening to our residents," said Westside Outreach Coordinator Michele Valadez. "Many different aspects of gardening will be taught by the experts and participants will enjoy plenty of hands-on experience."

The Westside Community Center also offers rental opportunities for community groups as the gymnasium, dining room and kitchen are available for rental on an hourly basis.

“We hope more groups take advantage of this facility as it is spacious, reasonably priced, and can accommodate many different types of events,” said Ms. Valadez.

For facility use guidelines, fees and for more information about library hours and upcoming programs contact Michele Valadez at 830-221-4630.

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