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### **Library Becomes First in Central Texas to Circulate Robots**

**New Braunfels, TX** - The New Braunfels Public Library has added six “Dash” robots to its circulating collection for children. These robots, products of Wonder Workshop, a cutting-edge producer of educational robotics, are the first to be offered in any public library in Central Texas.

Each of the six “Dash” robots offers a variety of functions based on skill level and interest. At its most basic, the robot functions as a remote controlled device that can travel around rooms. At the more advanced levels, each robot offers programmable sequences and events, which emphasize problem solving skills for children.

These robots introduce children to coding concepts, while providing interactive entertainment. Each circulating robot comes with a supporting kit, which consists of a tablet, chargers, and a user’s manual. The Dash robot comes with four different apps, each meant for a slightly different age. The simplest apps work like remote controls, allowing any child who can draw on the screen to move the Dash along a path or to command the robot to change colors or make animal sounds. The more advanced apps offer capabilities that approach a full-functioning programming language. Older children will be able to get the robot to interpret its sensor data as it traverses a room and to perform different actions based on that data.

“Literacy takes many forms, and includes technical literacy. We know that children who interact directly with the robots will be more comfortable with technology. This should encourage interest in the sciences and technology fields in school, and lead to a more technically savvy workforce” said Library Director Gretchen Pruett.

For more information about the library’s new robots contact Library Technology Specialist Ben Philbrook at 221-4320.

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