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Community demonstration of BiblioTech digital library services

Representatives from 3M Library Systems, the e-book provider for BiblioTech, and Bexar County officials will provide a demonstration of how the cloud library will work for residents of Bexar County. The demonstration will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, April 15, at Leal Middle School, 743 W. Southcross.

Through the demonstration, residents will learn how to get a library card and check out a book from the Cloud Library using a personal computer at home, a mobile device such as a tablet computer, an e-reader on loan from BiblioTech and the Discovery Station.

BiblioTech will be the nation's first public library that is entirely digital. Once it opens late this summer, residents will be able to access more than 10,000 titles from computers, laptops, tablet computers and e-readers on-site, or they can use a mobile application with a library card code to check out titles on their own electronic devices from wherever they are.

The physical location of BiblioTech will have 100 e-readers for circulation, 50 pre-loaded enhanced readers for children, 50 computer stations, 25 laptops and 25 tablets to use on site. The 4,989 square-foot location inside the Precinct 1 Satellite Offices also will have group study spaces, meeting rooms and a designated interactive children's area.

Commissioners Court approved the concept in January; and, with the Court's approval in March, staff has been negotiating a contract with 3M Library Systems to provide the cloud library and e-reader services. Commissioners Court will consider final approval of the contract at their regular meeting Tuesday, April 16.