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Nation's first all-digital public library opens Saturday

BiblioTech, Bexar County's all-digital library and the first of its kind in the country, will open to the public Saturday, Sept. 14, with a celebration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will include a ribbon cutting, library card registration, library tours and musical and theatrical entertainment. The first 250 children will receive a free BiblioTech bag, and there will be giveaways throughout the event.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, patrons will be able to register for a library card and begin browsing the collection of 10,000 titles. Those patrons who have their own smart device or e-reader are encouraged to bring the device to the opening so staff can show them how to connect with the BiblioTech collection from home or wherever they are with an Internet connection.

Patrons who need to check out one of the 700 e-readers for external circulation will be able to load up to 5 books of their choice and take the e-reader home with them for a two-week period. BiblioTech also has 200 Nook e-readers pre-loaded with children's books for external circulation, also for a two week period.

As patrons register for cards and learn how to use the 3M Cloud Library during the celebration, the San Antonio Symphony String Quartet will play kid-friendly classical music and allow the kids to explore string instruments with an "instrument petting zoo."

Characters from the Magik Children's Theatre and the Spurs Coyote also will visit with patrons. There will be giveaways, trivia prizes for kids and one lucky patron who registers for a library card before 2 p.m. will be randomly selected to receive a free Nook e-reader.

In addition to the cloud library and e-readers, BiblioTech offers 48 desktop computer stations, 9 laptops for internal circulation, 40 tablet computers also for internal use and 4 interactive touch screen tables in the children's area. Digital resources available to BiblioTech patrons include access to TexShare databases, online language learning through Mango Languages, and technology training through Atomic Training.

BiblioTech will be open for regular business following the celebration until 6 p.m. The regular hours for the library will be noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Library card registration is free and open to any Bexar County resident.

For more information and to begin the registration process online, visit www.bexarbibliotech.org.