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BiblioTech is now registering patrons for library cards ahead of opening in September

Bexar County residents can register for a library card to use BiblioTech, Bexar County's all-digital library opening in September, County Judge Nelson Wolff announced Tuesday. Patrons can register online, in person at the library after Sept. 14 or at one of many public registration drives throughout the community.

"We are getting closer and closer to having the country's first all-digital public library on the Southside of San Antonio," Judge Wolff said. "It's incredible how fast it has all come together, and I think when we open the doors, the public will be just as in awe as I am."

Commissioner Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez, whose Precinct 1 is home to BiblioTech, announced the grand opening of the library would be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14. The event will include a ribbon cutting ceremony, entertainment, tours of the library, card registration and giveaways for kids. Patrons will be able to browse the cloud library, select e-books to check out and then have them loaded to their own smart devices or downloaded to an e-reader they can check out from the library for two weeks.

"It is such an exciting time on the Southside right now with all of the public improvements happening," Commissioner Rodriguez said. "BiblioTech is certainly going to shine a positive light and be a great resource of technology and learning for the entire community."

Residents can register for a BiblioTech library card online by visiting www.bexarbibliotech.org and clicking on the "Register" button to fill out the form. Several card registration drives also will be held throughout the community, or patrons can drop by the location once it is open to obtain a card. Residents should bring some form of verification of their address, such as a driver's license or utility bill, to show they live in Bexar County.

BiblioTech staff will be at Festival People en Español at the Convention Center Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 to register visitors for cards and hand out giveaways.

BiblioTech will have more than 600 e-readers patrons can borrow to read from a collection of more than 10,000 titles. Residents also can browse the cloud library from their home computers, or anywhere they are using a smart device, and download e-books straight to their own devices. The physical library also will have 48 iMac computers, 40 iPads and 10 laptop computers for use within the library.

The colorful children's area is equipped with 4 interactive surface tables to entertain and educate the library's youngest patrons. Pre-loaded interactive e-readers for children also will be available for checkout.

BiblioTech is located at 3505 Pleasanton Road and on the web at www.bexarbibliotech.org.