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**New Braunfels Public Library Celebrates Love My Library Month with Food for Fines
and Stylus Pen Promotion**

New Braunfels, Texas —“Love My Library Month is the time of the year when we remind the community of all that their 21st century library has to offer,” said Library Director Gretchen Pruett. “We’ve added so many great programs and services this year, with the assistance of the Friends of the New Braunfels Public Library, and February is a month for patrons to reconnect with us.”

For Love My Library Month the Library will offer special pens that feature a stylus tip. These handy pens allow patrons both to write and to use their smartphones and tablets with greater ease.

Library patrons have many options in order to obtain one of these special pens. They may check-in on Facebook, put a post or picture on social media featuring their library visit, or can tag the library using the hashtag #lovemyNBPL. Additionally, library patrons may come into the library and check out three different types of materials at one of the library’s service desks in order to receive their pen. Library staff members will be happy to help them check out the online books, magazines, movies, music and other resources now available to anyone with a library card as well.

If overdue charges are preventing anyone from using the library, Food for Fines returns during February. This program reduces overdue fines by \$2 for every non-expired, non-perishable food item received. The donated non-perishable food items will be given to the San Antonio Area Food Bank for distribution. Non-perishable food items needed include canned goods, fruit juices, baby foods and formulas, powdered milk, cereals, pasta, rice, beans, tomato sauce, pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly. Patrons may also donate pet food, which will be given to the Humane Society of New Braunfels, Inc. Patrons who do not owe fines but wish to donate items may also do so at the library this month.

“Food for Fines allows library patrons to restore their membership by decreasing overdue fines through food donation, as well as help those less fortunate in our community,” Ms. Pruett stated. “It has been a successful program for us and we’re happy to be able to offer it again this year.”

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