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## **Library Temporarily Closed August 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> to Equip Materials with RFID**

**New Braunfels, TX** — The New Braunfels Public Library will be closed Monday, August 19th through Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> so that staff can equip the library’s 135,000-item collection with radio frequency identification tags (RFID).

RFID is a technology that uses various electronic devices to automate library transactions — such as check-in and check-out — inventory management and security control, according to the American Library Association.

“Tagging our items is the first step in improving a number of services for our patrons,” said Library Director Gretchen Pruett. “RFID will improve the accuracy of checking in and checking out library material, and it will allow patrons to take more control of the process. We have had self-checkout stations for years, but with the adoption of RFID, these stations will be getting a new look, and we will be able to offer patrons the ability to check in their items, too. And, perhaps most significantly, the self-service stations will allow patrons to pay their fines and fees at the terminal instead of at the desk.”

Patrons who want to return their books during this week may continue to use the library’s book drop.

While the main library is closed, the Westside Community Center Library, located at 2932 S. IH-35 Frontage Rd., will be open extended hours — from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday. The RIOmobile will continue with its regularly scheduled stops that week, which can be found online at [newbraunfels.libguides.com/RIOmobile](http://newbraunfels.libguides.com/RIOmobile).

For more information, contact the New Braunfels Public Library at 830-221-4300.

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