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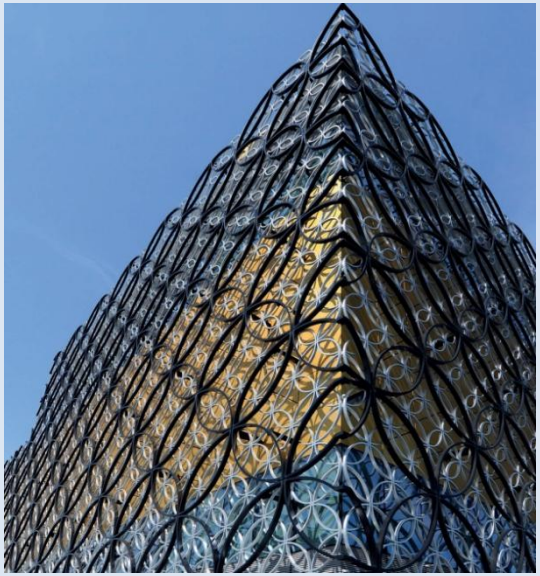

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Keynote: Bexar County BiblioTech - Bringing the library to the public

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BEXAR COUNTY DIGITAL LIBRARY

HISTORY

Brainchild of Judge Nelson Wolff

- Designed for – not adapted to – the digital age

2 Primary Goals

- Break down barriers to reading
- Meet needs of low income communities

$2.2 Million in Capital Expenditures – Start Up

- Savings from other capital projects
- Private donations

11 Months from concept to launch

- Doors opened September 14, 2013

MISSION

Provide all Bexar County residents technology access

to enhance literacy,

promote reading as recreation

and equip residents of our community with necessary tools to thrive as citizens of the 21st century.

WHY IT MATTERS

True literacy extends beyond the ability to read

- skills to gain meaning
- effectively communicate

Digital literacy is more than knowing how to use technology

- locate, organize, understand, evaluate, and analyze information using digital technology
- Lack of these skills = functional illiteracy

Through **BiblioTech**, we are able to advance traditional and digital literacy

WE'RE ALL ABOUT ACCESS

First of its kind, **BiblioTech** offers a digital alternative to traditional public libraries

Instead of public going to the library,
BiblioTech e-library brings the library directly to the public

No physical barrier to access

No financial barrier to access

READING IN YOUR HANDS

NOT BEHIND OUR WALLS

DIGITAL VS. PHYSICAL

Digital libraries are uniquely positioned to serve disadvantaged users

- Disabled
- Patrons in Rural Areas
- Elderly

Bricks and mortar libraries more than book repositories

- “Third Place”
- Learning Hubs
- Community Gathering Space
- Distribution Site

PILOT

County-Owned facility located 3505 Pleasanton Road

- Opened to the public September 14, 2013
- Approximately 4,800 sf

Configuration:

- Digital reading room
- 2 group study rooms
- Children's area
- Lounge
- Café

Equipment includes:

- 48 deskstop computers
- 200 children's readers
- 600 e-ink readers for external circulation
- 45 Ipads available for internal use
- 10 laptops available for internal use
- 4 surface tables
- Adaptive technology

LIBRARY RESOURCES

E-books

Audio Books

Databases

Movies

Music

TV Shows

Magazines

Comics and Graphic Novels

Language Learning

Software Learning

Adaptive Technology

Live Chat

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PROGRAMMING

- Blogging for Seniors
- Genealogy
- Music Theory
- Virtual Book Club
- Robotics
- Coding for Kids
- 90 Second Newberys
- ACA Enrollment
- Tiny Techolotes

EMPHASIS OUTREACH

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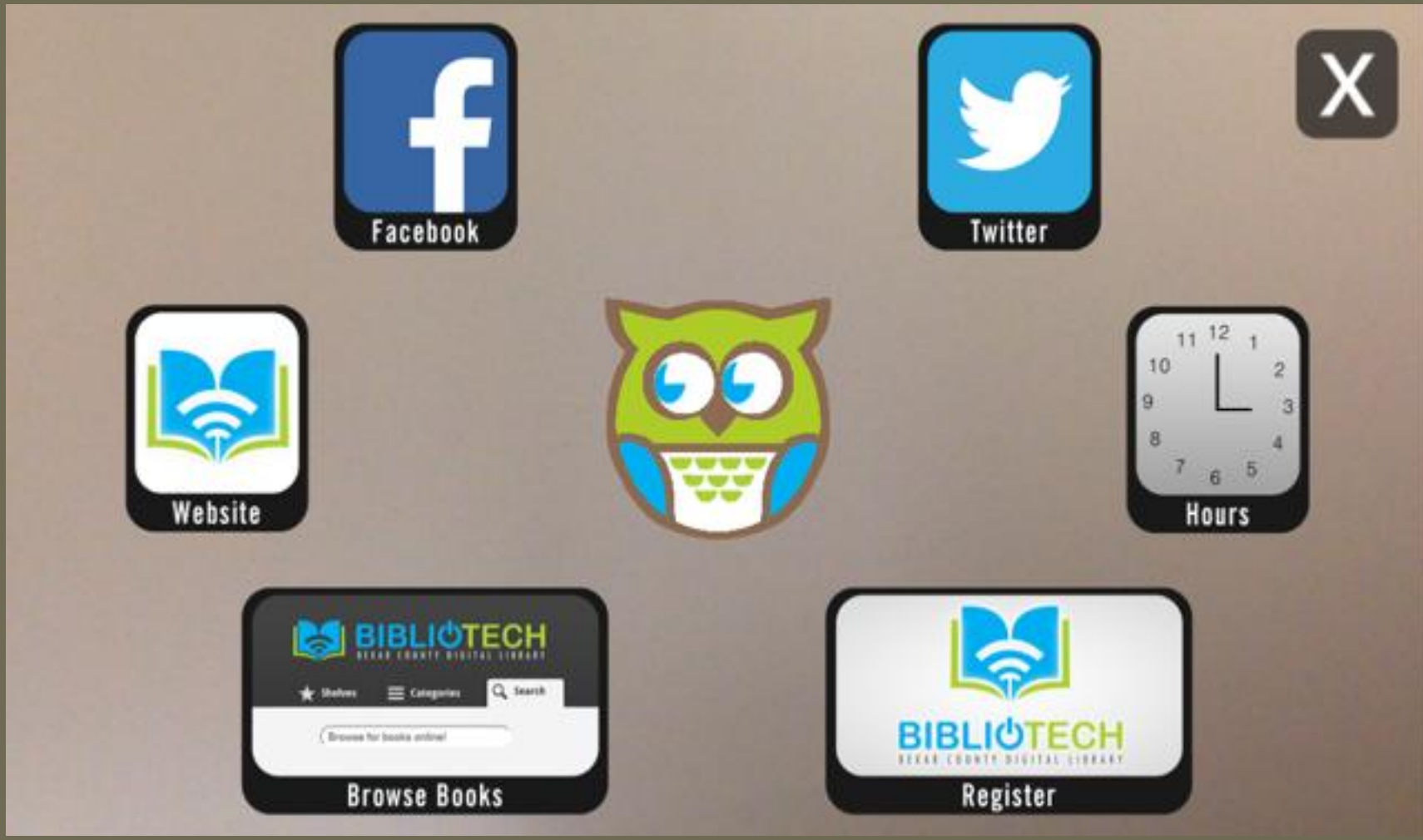
Bexar County AR App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Local Schools

SA Reads

San Antonio Spurs Foundation

San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind

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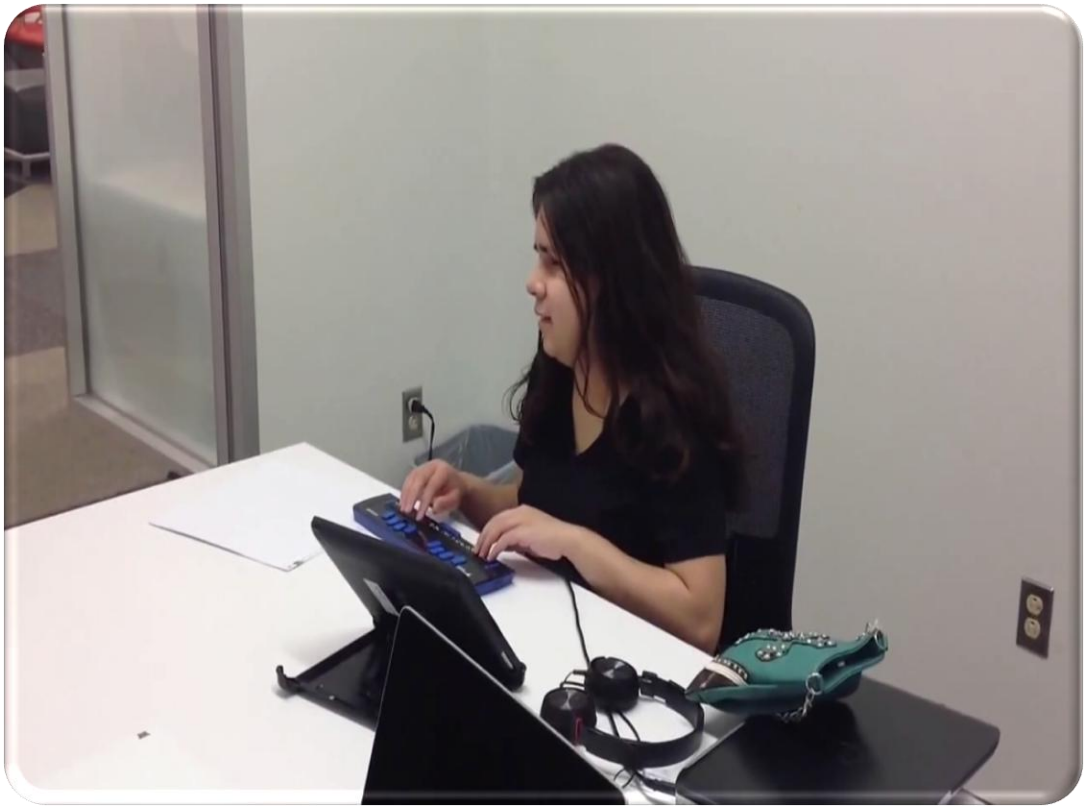

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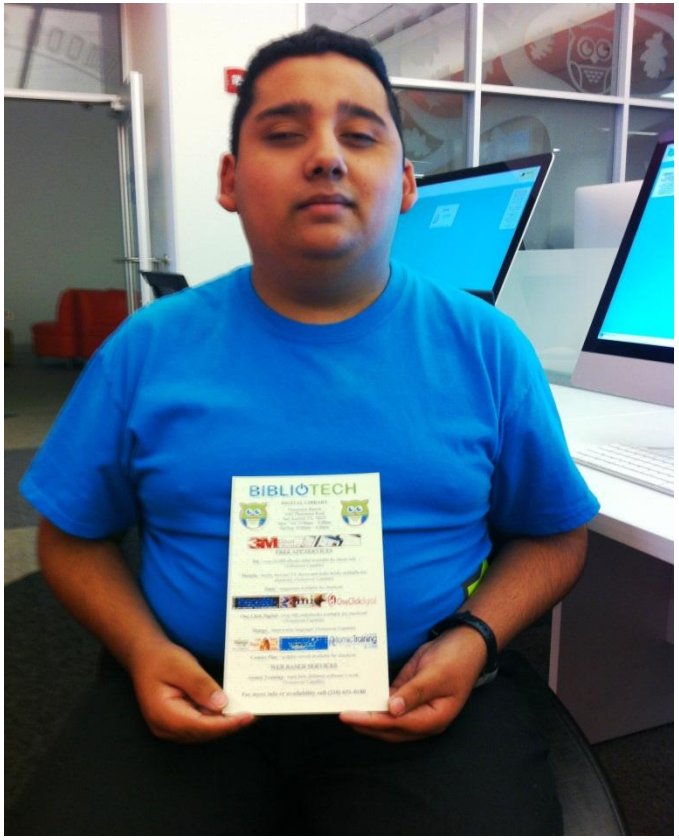

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EXTENDING OUR REACH

- 1st **BiblioTech** satellite in Central Jury Room
  January 15, 2014

- MATCH Program
- Juvenile Probation
- Warrior and Family Support Center **BiblioTech**
- Overseas Military
- School E-reader Rollout

PROGRESS…

- Over 29,000 registered patrons
- 83,950 on-site patrons
- 154 outreach events
- Outreach impact 61,765
- 6,464 devices circulated
- 53,190 e-books circulated
- 249,594 website visits

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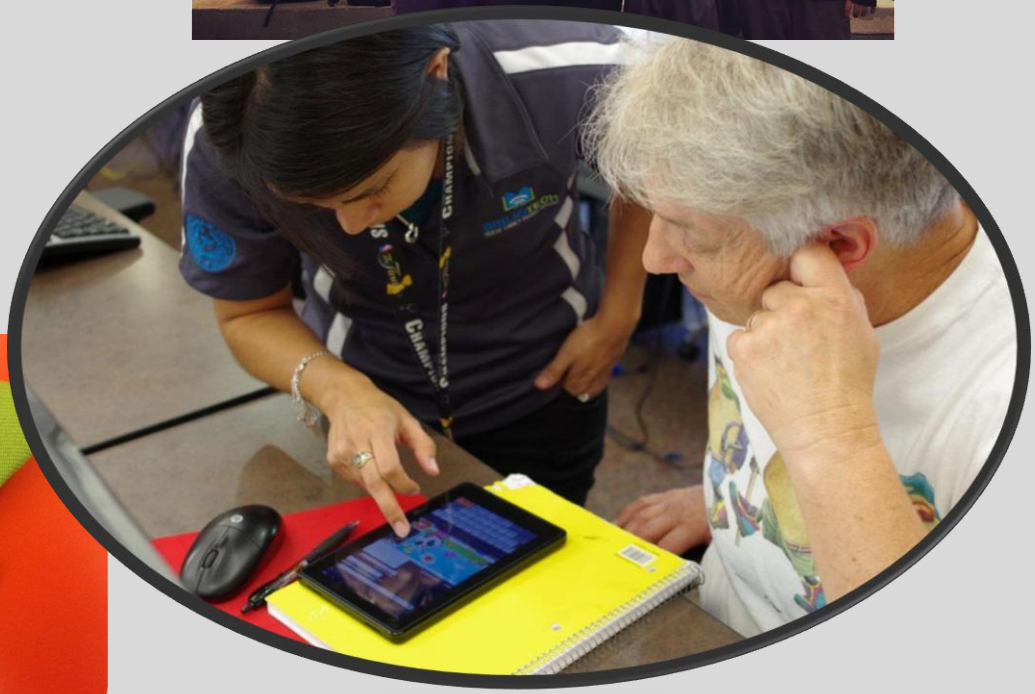

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