



Leon Valley Library Wins a Visit from the Trailblazer Truck

The Trailblazer Truck will be rolling into the Leon Valley Library Parking Lot on Friday, June 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A huge semi-truck with a 40 foot trailer which is converted into a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) classroom will make its way into the suburban city in an effort to generate interest in the fields and can hold up to 30 students at a time. This is a science museum on wheels and it includes hands on exhibits that teach students about energy, space, weather, biotechnology and aerodynamics while also introducing them to education and career opportunities in the STEM fields.

Library staff applied for the truck to visit their city during the Texas State Library Convention and their successful application was funded by the Tocker Foundation. Library Director Sandy Underwood stated that “they are so appreciative of the support from the Tocker Foundation as this foundation has also assisted the library with non-fiction books for children”. “The various means of support from citizens, volunteers and organizations that this library receives is phenomenal” stated City Manager, Kelly Kuenstler. She attributes that support to the creative programming, effective staffing and a solid commitment from the city for a quality library.

Teachers can receive pre-visit activities and follow up materials to sustain student interest long after the truck leaves the library. If you are interested in bringing a group of students to the event, please contact Sandy Underwood at 210-684-0720. Otherwise, exhibits are mapped and encouraged for students from grades 3-8 and all are welcome but it is encouraged that groups call ahead of time since space is limited. The below link gives you an idea of what the Trailblazer Truck has to offer.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBZ4HQskpAQ&feature=youtu.be>