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BARBARA BUSH HOUSTON LITERACY FOUNDATION AND 1POINTFIVE PARTNER TO EXPAND PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES AT ROBERT J. KLEBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY

Family Place Library™ and Increased Technology Access to Bolster Offerings at Local Kingsville Library

Kingsville, TX (September 6, 2023) – The [Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation](#) (Foundation) and [1PointFive](#) have partnered to expand programs and resources at the Robert J. Kleberg Public Library in Kingsville, TX, helping to ensure the library remains a focal point in the community for children and families. Made possible through generous support from these organizations, the investment will fund the creation of a Family Place Library™ and will also increase access to technology for library patrons with a specific emphasis on children’s use to increase academic achievement.

“We are pleased to partner with the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation to support the needs of Kleberg County Public Library and the many families it serves,” said Michael Avery, President and General Manager, 1PointFive. “This commitment is rooted in our plans to empower the local communities where we operate and expand opportunities for learning and development. Oxy-Chem, our chemical business, also has a long history of community partnership in Ingleside, so we are excited to expand our focus across South Texas. We hope the Family Place Library will be a focal point for Kingsville and are excited to see it take shape.”

Family Place Libraries™ are specifically designed spaces within public libraries featuring interactive early literacy materials, games, toys and books. In addition to funds needed to transform the space, library staff receive specialized training and expand programs explicitly focused on serving families and boosting early learning and development of children under age five. The grant will also equip the library with new laptops, iPads, and other devices for patrons to use.

“We are grateful to the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation and 1PointFive for their investment in the Robert J. Kleberg Public Library,” said Krystin Torres, Kleberg County Library Director. “We can’t wait for these new elements to bring our library a new sense of community and assist in developing the minds of our youngest patrons.”

The technology installment will be complete by the end of 2023 and the Family Place Library™ is slated to open in 2024.

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About the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation

The Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation is a charitable organization formed by Neil and Maria Bush to carry forth First Lady Barbara Bush's legacy in the literacy cause and to focus deeply on breaking the intergenerational cycle of low literacy in the Bush family's hometown. Founded on Mrs. Bush's belief, "If you help a person to read, then their opportunities in life will be endless," the Barbara Bush Foundation's mission is to improve lives through the power of literacy. Over the past 10 years, the Foundation has spearheaded innovative literacy programs and expanded access to high-quality services and resources that empower children, families, and adults with the support they need to learn how to read, write, and comprehend. For more information, visit www.barbarabushhouston.org or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bushhoustonliteracy on Twitter [@bushhoustonlit](https://twitter.com/bushhoustonlit) and on Instagram [@bushhoustonlit](https://www.instagram.com/bushhoustonlit).

About 1PointFive

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About the Robert J. Kleberg Library

The Robert J. Kleberg Public Library has been serving the residents of Kleberg County since 1909 when it was originally founded by the Woman's Club of Kingsville. In July of 1959, Kleberg Public Library opened its current location on 4th St. Since then, it has blossomed into a community hub. Libraries are more relevant now than ever before, and with the progressive minds behind the Robert J. Kleberg Public Library, it will continue to evolve into the central source of knowledge, technology, and entertainment the people of Kleberg County deserve.