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Grant for new east side BiblioTech will expand digital collection

The Kronkosky Foundation has granted \$100,000 to the Hidalgo Foundation of Bexar County to purchase approximately 4,000 e-books for BiblioTech ahead of the opening of its third branch. The new branch in the Wheatley Heights Choice Neighborhood is expected to open in early 2017.

The Founder and President of the Hidalgo Foundation of Bexar County, Tracy Wolff, expressed her gratitude to The Kronkosky Foundation and its Board members for their generous grant.

"Because BiblioTech is the first all-digital public library in Bexar County and our nation, children county-wide will be able to enjoy the marvelous new collection, and learn more about their heritage and heroes."

The new titles will be chosen by Head Librarian, Ashley Eklof, with an emphasis on books suitable for school-aged children and adolescents, as well as titles popular with parents. The e-books will focus on African American and Latino history and leaders, San Antonio community leaders and heritage, the cultural arts, leadership, sports and education. The titles will be available to all registered patrons of BiblioTech.

The 4,200-square-foot east side branch will have a digital reading room, children's area, study rooms, community room and a "maker space," where technology and learning will come to life. It will be the second BiblioTech branch co-located in a San Antonio Housing Authority development. The Dr. Ricardo Romo BiblioTech, which opened in July 2015, is located in SAHA's Gardens at San Juan Square development on the west side of San Antonio.

The Hidalgo Foundation has raised nearly \$1.5 million for the all-digital library.

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The Hidalgo Foundation of Bexar County is a 501c3 nonprofit founded in 2001 exclusively for the charitable, literary, historical and educational purpose for the sole benefit of Bexar County, Texas.

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