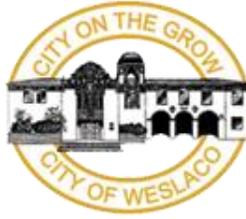


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Rededication Ceremony of Weslaco Public Library

Weslaco, TX – The City of Weslaco is rededicating its public library in honor of former Mayor Joe V. Sanchez at a ceremony on August 13, at 10:30 AM, at the Weslaco Library (525 S. Kansas Ave).

"The community is invited to accompany the library as we honor Mr. Sanchez," said City Commissioner Lupe Rivera, the initial advocate for the name change. "We are very proud that this is one of the busiest libraries in the Hidalgo County Library System," he added.

Within this year's Summer Reading Program (SRP):

- Program attendance increased 12% (from 5,124 to 5,827)
- Registered SRP participants increased 17% (from 983 to 1,192)
- Books read during annual competition increased 14% (from 7,129 to 8,237)
- Library visits increased 27% (from 31,779 to 43,886)
- The Library averaged **1,700 visitors each day!**

The library also is planning on expansion of library hours. The new hours will begin August 27. Furthermore, the library will be promoting a new online service - free downloadable audio books. Also beginning the 27th, customers of the library will now be able to download thousands of free audio books from the library's website, www.weslacopl.us. There will also be other opportunities to learn about upcoming programming, events, and services.

The rededication ceremony will begin with a short program and a reception will follow.

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