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## **Library Hosts March Water Awareness Month Activities**

PHPL, in partnership with GBRA and Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District, provides factual programs and exhibits for Kendall County residents

BOERNE, TX — This month, Patrick Heath Public Library (PHPL), in partnership with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) and the Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District (CCGCD), is presenting a gallery exhibition and programming that provides an enlightening and educational look at Texas waterways, the water cycle, conservation and water saving techniques, and Boerne's unique relationship to the Guadalupe River and to its underground resources. The exhibition runs from March 4-30, 2014, at PHPL, 451 N. Main Street, Bldg. 100, in Boerne.

In addition to the exhibit, GBRA will host a viewing of the documentary-style Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) film, "The State of Water," at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, in the PHPL Community Room. The movie will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

The CCGCD will bring back its popular presentation, Hill Country Water Myths, at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20, also in the PHPL Community Room.

"As winter finally gives way to warmer weather, residents are out putting in the garden and starting to think about landscaping needs. It's a good time to start thinking about Kendall County's water resources as well," Kelly Skovbjerg, library director said. "And we are delighted that GBRA and Cow Creek are working with us to help create awareness in the community about our precious water resources," she added.

"The program that PHPL has put together for the Kendall County community is an excellent way to reach residents of all ages on the issue of water conservation, and early spring is the perfect time to start the process," Cinde Thomas-Jimenez, GBRA's environmental education administrator said.

Micah Voulgaris, CCGCD general manager said, "Cow Creek must help lead conservation efforts, particularly during this time of drought and both surface and groundwater resources are strained."

The PHPL mission is to be the heart and gathering place of our Hill Country community, where anyone of any age may embark on a lifelong journey of learning and find the information they need to spark imagination and encourage curiosity.

The GBRA was established by the Texas Legislature in 1933 as a water conservation and reclamation district. GBRA provides stewardship for the water resources in its 10-county statutory district, which begins near the headwaters of the Guadalupe and Blanco rivers, ends at San Antonio Bay, and includes Kendall, Comal, Hays, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales, DeWitt, Victoria, Calhoun, and Refugio counties.

The Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District (CCGCD or District) was created for the purpose of conserving, preserving, recharging, protecting and preventing waste of groundwater from the aquifers within Kendall County.

### SUMMARY OF PHPL ACTIVITIES

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| Water Exhibition                              | March 4-30, 2014       | PHPL -- 451 N. Main Street, Bldg. 100 |
| <i>The State of Water</i> viewing             | 6 p.m. March 19, 2014  | PHPL Community Room                   |
| <i>Hill Country Water Myths</i> presentation, | 7 p.m., March 20, 2014 | PHPL Community Room                   |