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REGIONAL CAMPUS LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS

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Library Participates in AHEC Summer Programs

The Mid Rio Grande Border Area Health Education Center provides many summer enrichment opportunities for Laredo students interested in health science careers. On June 9th during a week-long AHEC College Academy, Librarian Peg Seger provided a presentation for students on the importance of learning how to use a medical library and learning how to find reliable sources of medical and health information. Students were introduced to a few of the many free resources made available through the National Institutes of Health and the National Library of Medicine.

On June 22nd, library assistants Aida Almanza and Erika Silva provided a library orientation during an AHEC event called Rising Stars. These rising stars were comprised of twenty-one 7th and 8th graders from the Laredo Independent School District. During the orientation, students learned what a medical library is and the purpose it serves, what the Laredo Regional Campus Library has to offer, and ways to know if the health information found online is accurate and reliable. Students were also introduced to several free resources for middle schoolers from the National Library of Medicine.

Anyone can search through resources such as [TOXNET](#), a free system of databases on environmental health, toxicology, hazardous chemicals, toxic releases, chemical names, and specialty areas such as occupational health careers and consumer products. While many of the TOXNET databases are used primarily by researchers and other health professionals, there are also tools developed with health consumers and students in mind. [Tox Town](#) is an interactive program with graphics, sound and animation to engage users more in the process of learning about chemicals, the environment, and public health. While Tox Town is not as sophisticated as most of the games we are familiar with today, it does provide an important way to get access to reliable and easy-to-understand information about environmental toxins and the environment.



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