



**JOE BARNHART BEE COUNTY LIBRARY**

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May 13, 2013

Dear Beeville School Board,

**Board of Directors**

- Margie Ann Awalt
- Ray Benavides
- Darlene Conoly
- Elizabeth Galloway
- Marilyn Hanna
- Melissa Hughes
- Jonnie Jordan
- Jessica Morrill
- William Moser
- Pete Perez
- Maggie Price
- Dr. Sue Thomas
- Marion Williams

I am writing to request \$50,000 be allotted for Joe Barnhart Bee County Library funding for the next fiscal year. Over the past years the Joe Barnhart Bee County Library has supported and augmented BISO educational and library resources in the following ways:

- We have maintained the Homework Center, a place for students to get help from dedicated library staff with research and school projects open from 3pm-close Monday-Thursday and 2pm-5pm on Saturdays.
- Students who use Homework Center resources may print 20 pages free per day.
- 24 hour at-home access to EBSCO databases through the Joe Barnhart Bee County Library website.
- Bee County Teacher Card program enriches classroom libraries.
- 203 school-aged children attended our new Spring Break Science Rocks! Programs in 2013.

In addition, student and teacher use of the Joe Barnhart Bee County Library is increasing:

- Homework Center use has gone up 46% from 2012.
- 54% of BISO teachers have a 'Bee County Teacher' library account with the Joe Barnhart Bee County Library.
- 35% of all Joe Barnhart Bee County Library card holders are school aged children.

Please consider increasing support of the Joe Barnhart Bee County Library to \$50,000 per funding year so we can continue to maintain and improve our services for teachers and students.

Signed and supported by,

*C. A. Blatherwick*

Cynthia Blatherwick  
Library Director

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