



MOORE TIMES

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Moore Memorial Public Library Newsletter

EBOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

We recently increased our ebook usage by over 25% free ebooks from OverDrive, so there's never been a better time to start getting ebooks from the library!

OverDrive allows library card holders to check out ebooks for free anywhere with internet access. We have an ever growing collection of new bestsellers, children's books, young adult fiction, non-fiction, and classics to browse or search through. OverDrive makes it a snap to search by title, author, subject, and more.

OverDrive has recently upgraded its app to make



signing into OverDrive and managing your account easier than ever before. You'll find it wherever you download apps for your device.

To find our ebooks go to

<http://mmpl.lib.overdrive.com> or search 'Moore Memorial Public Library' in your OverDrive app. If you have any problems accessing or using OverDrive call the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977 or stop by in person. A librarian can assist you in downloading the OverDrive app or accessing it online and get you started downloading ebooks.

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RECHARGE AT THE LIBRARY

Moore Memorial Public Library is pleased to have three new charging stations. In the past, we could not let patrons charge devices because it presented a threat of a power outage. Fortunately, with some rewiring we now have three safe outlet locations.

The library has FREE Wi-Fi throughout the entire building and now we have a way to keep you charged while you work. We also have a wireless printer, so you can print directly from your device. See the Reference Desk on how to download the driver for printing.



Due to popular demand, there is an one hour limit on all charging stations. It is also required that you stay with your device at all times. If you have any questions, please call the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.

FALL ADULT PROGRAMS

All library programs are FREE to attend. All programs will be held in the Library Meeting Room unless noted otherwise.

Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning

Phil Roberts, a Texas City Commissioner and local attorney, will present a one part seminar on wills, trusts, and other estate planning issues.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 30th at 6 PM



World War I and the Doughboys

F. W. (Frank) Furleigh, the Veterans Service Officer of Galveston County, will talk about World War I and the Doughboys of the US Marine Corps.

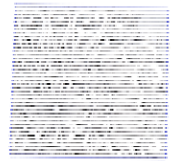
WHEN: Tuesday, October 14th at 2 PM



The Art of Zentangle

Zentangle drawings involve making bigger images by drawing smaller images and patterns. Come join us and give this method a try. You MUST sign-up for this program at the Reference Desk, Circulation Desk, or by phone (409) 643-5977.

WHEN: Thursday, October 23rd at 3:30 PM



Pancho Villa and the Mexican Revolution: The Texas City Connection

Dr. Manuel Urbina II, former history professor at the College of the Mainland and Pancho Villa scholar, will detail the little known connection between the man who went from bandit to revolutionary to legend and our own city.

WHEN: Thursday, October 30th at 2:00 PM



Handmade Gifts

Come and create gifts for the upcoming holiday season. Supplies, including fabric, buttons, paper, glue, glitter, ribbon, and much more, will be provided. Just bring your creativity.

WHEN: Thursday, November 13th at 3:30 PM



NEWS BRIEFS

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: The library will be closed on the following dates:



Thanksgiving– Thursday, November 27th-Saturday, November 29th. Reopen Monday December 1st at 9 AM.



Christmas– Wednesday, December 24-Thursday, December 25th Reopen Friday December 26th at 9 AM.



New Year's Day– Thursday, January 1st Reopen Friday January 2nd at 9 AM.

SIR-READ-A-LOT WAS BIGGER THAN EVER!



Great Work! Sir Read-A-Lot grew to 720 circles, equivalent to 7,200 hours read! That makes it our biggest Sir-Read-A-Lot ever. Thank you to all the people who participated by reading and turning in their reading logs! Let's make Sir Read-A-Lot even bigger and better next summer!

LEARN A NEW TONGUE WITH TRANSPARENT LANGUAGE ONLINE

Want to learn another language? Moore Memorial Public Library has the database for you! Check out Transparent Language Online. It offers free, online lessons in over 80 different languages using technology such as videos, social media and mobile apps to meet your language-learning needs. It includes English-as-a-second-language lessons, as well as foreign languages.

You'll be able to interact with real online instructors when

you get stuck and need assistance. Since it is an online course, you can learn at your own pace 24/7.

If you hold a valid Moore Library card, you can access the database at the library or from home. Just go to our homepage www.texascity-library.org and click on 'Electronic Resources' at the top of the page to find all of our library databases. Transparent Language Online will be under 'Languages'.

WEBSITE REVIEW: FANTASTICFICTION LIVES UP TO ITS NAME

Which book comes next? I love this author, what else has s/he written? When does the next one come out? All book lovers will be familiar with these questions.

Fantasticfiction.com is free online database where you

can get the answers. It has information on over 30,000 authors including their full bibliographies. Fantasticfiction.com makes it simple to see all the parts of a series including short stories or novellas only released as ebooks. Never again will you tear your hair out trying to remember what the title of the first Jack Reacher novel

(*Killing Floor* by Lee Child) or whether *Salvation in Death* or *Strangers in Death* comes first (*Strangers*).

FantasticFiction also helpfully tells you authors' real names and what other pen names they write under. It's

easy to search as long as you know the author's name or a title of a book. You can also browse by author if you're looking to explore new authors. It is a low-frills, easy to use resource that is perfect for heavy readers hunting for the next book in a series. You can find it at www.fantasticfiction.com.

AWARD WINNING GENEALOGY

Texas City Ancestry Searcher members Lanny Martin and Melodey Hauch were just announced as winners of Galveston Historical Foundation's 2014 Sally B. Wallace Awards for historic preservation. Their Magnolia Cemetery Research Project



started in 2006 when Lanny and Melodey first visited the cemetery. Using Lanny's photos of the tombstones, Melodey created a spreadsheet with around 100 burials. Over the years, the two researchers worked to add the names of persons buried in the cemetery using Texas death certificates online and newspaper obituaries. Their latest count is 582 burials with 444 unmarked graves. During the last two

years Melodey expanded the spreadsheet into a book entitled *Here They Rest: Discovering Unmarked Burials at Magnolia Cemetery of League City*. The book includes a history of the land and the African-American

community in the Dickinson-League City area where most of the deceased lived, as well as sections on the extended family members Melodey was able to connect through her research.

The Ancestry Searchers meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month in the library meeting room. Drop in to learn more about the Ancestry Searchers and genealogy research.

SERVING SENIORS: SENIOR OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Moore Memorial Public Library is proud to continue our senior citizen programming. Each month librarian Luke Alvey-Henderson and our Public Service Assistant, Kristina Garza, visit 5 senior citizen living centers and the Nessler Center Senior Center



Congratulations to our Senior Summer Readers!

Programs. Programs are designed to engage seniors on topics of interest, direct interaction, and short games. The goal is to provide entertainment, information, and mental stimulation for our patrons who can't physically visit us.

This year we celebrated a year of holidays. Every month we looked at one or several holidays and how

they started, changed, and the (sometimes odd) ways they are celebrated around the world.

This summer we held our Senior Summer Reading Program at the Ashton Parke Care Center and Elmcroft Senior Living. Senior residents kept

track of their summer reading and got their pick of a free large print book. These books were generously donated by Friends of Moore Memorial Public Library. This year we doubled senior participation, so that's twice as many seniors keeping their minds active and healthy. Thanks to all the seniors who participated and to the Friends of the Library!

Improve Your Computer Skills

It seems like technology is moving into every aspect of our lives, whether we like it or not. Fortunately, the library can get you started on the path to computer proficiency. Our computer classes are aimed at beginning to intermediate computer users. The library offers courses to help patrons learn basic skills using MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, Email, the Internet, and more. This semester we are offering more advanced classes, so you can take your skills to the next level. All attendees will be pre-screened for skill level before each class. *Please see Sign-up & Registration Procedure below for details.*



Sign-up & Registration Procedure:

Registration for **ALL** computer classes will occur **THE DAY OF** the scheduled class. All potential students must come to the library between **9:00 and 9:50 AM** on the day of the class for pre-class screening. Admission to the class will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis for those persons successfully completing the pre-assessment survey exercise. Admission for most classes is limited to 10 persons per class.

For more information, please contact the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.

Fall Computer Class Schedule

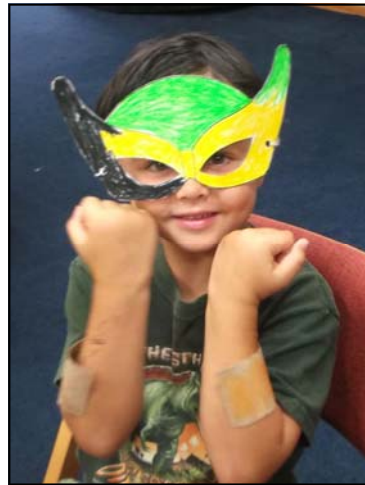
Computer Class	Date
Intermediate Email	Thursday, October 2
Computer Hardware	Friday, October 3
Basic Word	Thursday, October 9
Fixing Photos	Friday, October 10
Basic Excel	Thursday, October 16
Showing Off Your Photos	Friday, October 17
Basic Internet	Thursday, October 23
Basic Email	Friday, October 24
Intermediate Internet	Thursday, October 30
Intermediate Word	Friday, October 31
Social Networking	Thursday, November 6
Intermediate Excel	Friday, November 7
Under-the-Radar Resources	Thursday, November 13
Intermediate Email	Friday, November 14
Online Search Strategies	Thursday, November 20
Security & Privacy	Friday, November 21

Kids Zone

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Weekly storytimes are back! We recently started our fall session of fun and free programs for children from ages 1-5. Storytimes help your child build early literacy and social skills that are important for future Kindergarten success.

On **Tuesdays at 10:00 AM** we have **Toddlerific Storytime** for children from ages 1-3. Every week, there will be stories, songs, rhymes, bubble time, and play time. On **Wednesdays at 10:00 AM** is **Preschool Storytime** for ages 3-5. Every week, there will be stories, songs, alphabet learning, and a different fun



and educational activity or craft. Three year olds can come to either of the storytimes. It's the caregiver's decision when your 3 year old is ready for preschool storytime. For the fall session, storytimes will run week through **December 17th**. The spring session will begin again on **January 6th**.

All programs are held in the Walter Holland Meeting Room and are free and open to the public with no ticket or registration required. Due to space limitations, day care groups are normally not allowed. If you have any questions, please call the Children's Department at (409)

EARLY LITERACY AT THE LIBRARY

Early literacy (sometimes called pre-literacy or pre-reading) is what children learn about reading before they actually start reading. You may not realize this, but early literacy is already part of the fun you have every day with your child while you are reading, talking, singing, writing, and playing together. As you spend time on these practices together, it stimulates growth in your child's brain and helps build the foundation in the brain needed for reading.

The library has our very own fun (and free!) early literacy program called **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** that can help you on your path to build your child's early literacy skills. The program is as simple as it sounds: read 1,000 books to your child before he or she begins Kindergarten.



All you have to do to get started is sign up your infant to pre-k age child in the Children's Department. We will give you a folder with a handbook containing all the information about the program you'll need, along with your child's special log book and first 2 log sheets to record the first 200 books you read together.

Once you fill your logs, bring them to a Children's Department staff member and you will collect the reward for your child for those log levels and get your next log sheets. Once you complete your 10th and final log, you will have read 1,000 books together! To celebrate this achievement, your child will get a diploma certificate and book prize. Please ask the Children's Department staff if you have questions about the program or how to help prepare your child for reading. You can stop by in person or call the Children's Department at 409-643-5983.

MOORE TEENS

For more information about the any teen events call Luke, our Young Adult Librarian, at 409-949-3008.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD CELEBRATES BANNED BOOK WEEK

Banned Books Week is the last week in September and is set aside to remind people of the importance of the freedom to choose which books. It highlights books that have been removed or challenged from schools or libraries. The 1st amendment gives us not only the freedom of speech, but also the freedom to seek and receive information privately. Being able to select the book of your choice from a library is a part of your constitutionally protected rights.

We celebrated by having our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) de-



sign and make a display of banned books. Our theme this year was **Unlock Books. Unlock the World.** The TAB 'locked up' book covers with locks and chains to show the dangers of censorship. It's up to everyone to keep

books from being victims. Do your part by checking out a book that has been banned or challenged in the past. For a list of frequently challenged books ask for our bibliography at the Reference Desk or go to <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/>

TEEN READ WEEK: READ TO WIN

October 12th-18th is Teen Read Week and Moore Library is ready to celebrate. This year's theme is 'Turn Dreams into Reality' and focuses on using reading to make dreams come true. To celebrate, we want to make dreams of free books come true!



Anyone age 12- 18 who reads at least **3 hours** during Teen Read week and turns in a Teen Read Week form by **Friday, October 17th** to the Reference Desk will win a FREE book from our Friends of the Library book cart. It's a true win-win for teens who read!

UP-COMING TEEN EVENTS

Every month we have several programs for teens like Teen Advisory Board, Manga Club, and Board Games. By being a part of TAB you get leadership experience that looks great on college applications and resumes. It's also a great way to meet new people or hang out with your friends. We'll talk about ways to make the library better for young adults, have a teen-led current events round table, talk about our favorite books, and have a great time doing it. Our next meeting is **Friday, October 3rd at 4 PM.**



Calling all Otaku! The Manga Club is a monthly meeting of manga and anime fanatics. If you are a hardcore fan or just getting started the Manga Club is the perfect place

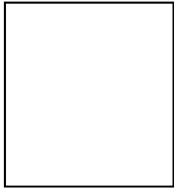
to meet new otaku, learn more about manga, eat snacks, and have fun. The next Manga Meeting is **Friday, October 10th at 4 PM.**

Play board games , strategy games, and card games like you've NEVER played before. We have selected fun award winning games that are totally unlike any board games you've ever played! We have King of Tokyo, Settlers of Catan, Fluxx, Munchkin, Forbidden Island, Dominion, Labyrinth, Pandemic, and many more. The next meeting is **Friday, October 17th at 3:15 PM.**

So no matter what you're into we hope you'll find a group to love at the library!



Picture from Teen Volunteer Ashlie



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Become a Friend of the Moore Memorial Public Library

Friends Membership Form

Please return this form, along with your payment, to Friends of Moore Memorial PL, 1701 9th Avenue North, Texas City, TX 77590. Thank you for supporting the library.

The Friends' dues for calendar year 2015 (Jan. 1, 2015 through Dec. 31, 2015) are the following:

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please make checks payable to Friends of MMPL.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State Zip _____

Phone _____

- Individual (\$10) ____
- Family (\$25) ____
- Senior Citizen 60+(\$5) ____
- Student (\$5) ____
- Sustaining (\$50) ____
- Valued Friend (\$100) ____
- Life Member (\$1,000) ____



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