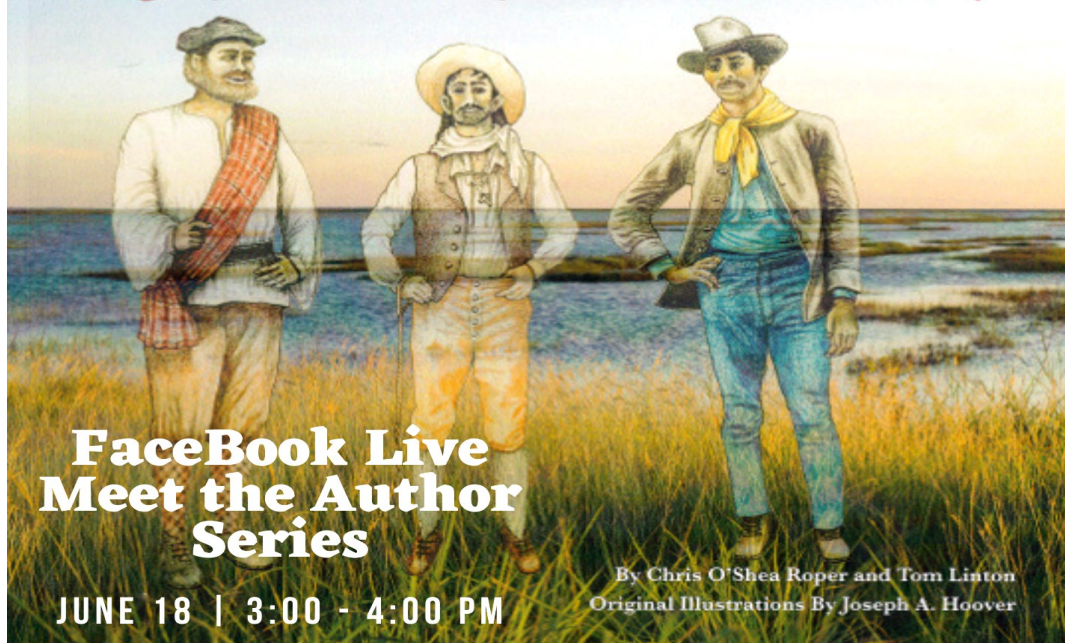


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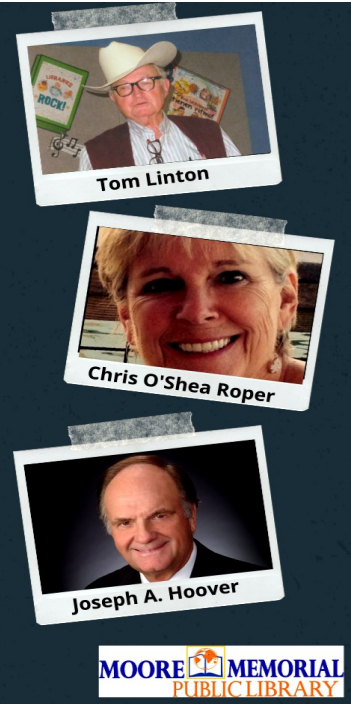
Legacy of the Early Gulf Coast Cowboys



FaceBook Live
Meet the Author
Series

JUNE 18 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM

By Chris O'Shea Roper and Tom Linton
Original Illustrations By Joseph A. Hoover



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Join us for the second installment of Moore Memorial Public Library's [Facebook Live: "Meet the Author" series on June 18, 2021 at 3:00 pm!](#)

Listen in as authors [Tom Linton](#) and [Chris O'Shea Roper](#) along with [illustrator Joseph Hoover](#) blend historical research and personal anecdotes of family descendants to shed light on some of the original cowboys of the Gulf Coast salt-grass prairies. Learn the history of these seasoned cowhands who originated from places such as Scotland, Nova Scotia and Africa as they established their farms, ranches, and settlements in Galveston and Harris County after the U.S. Civil War. And learn how each forged their own path to make Texas their home. Questions are highly encouraged and will be answered at the end of the presentation!

For more information about the event, please contact our [Local History Librarian, Theresa Mayfield at 409-949-3007.](#)

THE HEALING POWER OF WORDS

The Texas City Disaster that took place on the morning of April 16th, 1947 sent a ripple of shock and dismay across the United States and around the world. As the extent of the disaster unfolded and news of the event spread, people from around Texas and beyond jumped into action to render aid, with the many acts of heroism and humanism well-documented. However, if you lived in Michigan, Rhode Island, Chicago or even Hollywood and felt compelled to help, taking an

active role on the ground was near impossible but not improbable. Using the power of words and being full of heart, people from all walks of life sent Texas City their poetry and musical scores. These artists found a way to do their part to help heal the fractured spirit of this wounded city. Moore Memorial Public Library has a small collection of these artistic materials in our archive. The healing power of words, preserved for perpetuity, will be available through our digital collection, which will be compiled this year.

READY TO READ: 2021 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Readers of all ages are invited to participate in our Summer Reading Program! You can sign up online for the reading challenge Beanstack. If you prefer, you can still pick up a paper reading log at the library beginning **Monday, June 7th** and record your reading using paper and pencil or pen. It doesn't matter whether you read magazines, e-books or print books, or listen to audiobooks—record your daily reading time for a chance to win a prize! Use some of that free time you will have this summer to catch up on your reading. Remember, reading in the summer is essential for children so they don't lose



some of the progress they made during the school year. We believe readers of all ages are and will be lifelong learners, so we encourage our entire community to read and read often. **The MMPL Summer Reading Program will begin on Monday, June 7th.** To encourage everyone to participate, we have prizes for readers of all ages. All you need to do is keep track of how much you read on the Beanstack Mobile App or at our Beanstack site www.texascity-library.beanstack.org. When prompted to **Find a Site** in the app, just **search for "Moore Memorial"** and our library will pop up in the results. First time users must sign up for an account. If you prefer the paper logs, teen and adult reading logs will be available at the Information Desk, and children's reading logs can be picked up in the Children's Department.

Children 12 and under: There are two reading challenges for children 12 and under. We have the preschool reading challenge for children 0 to 4 years

and the school age challenge for ages 5 to 12. There is a special prize for signing up for the challenge on Beanstack. If you are completing a paper log, you can earn this special prize in addition to the book prize by turning in a completed log for your first 30 books or 5 hours read. You can choose a book from our prize box! You will also earn an entry for a prize drawing that

will take place at the end of summer. There is no limit to the number of prizes you can earn, so the more you read, the more books you receive. Any reading counts!

Teens ages 12-18: For the first 10 hours read, teens will receive a free book and an entry into our first, second, and third

place Grand Prize Drawing. For each additional 10 hours read, teens will receive another entry into the drawing. And those who wish to keep reading past 50 hours will be handsomely rewarded for their efforts along the way!

Adults: For every 10 hours of reading, participants earn an entry in our prize drawings for a local business gift card! The more you read, the more chances you have to win!

Track your progress: Every time a reading log is turned in, a seed with your initials will be placed on the watermelon circles in the lobby. Keep an eye on the seeds as they represent the number of hours our community has spent reading! The final deadline to turn in all reading logs is **Friday, August 6.** Gift card winners will be chosen at the end of the day. If you have any questions about our summer reading programs, please visit the Information Desk, or call us at (409) 643-5977.