



MOORE TIMES

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Moore Memorial Public Library Newsletter

ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW TO DO: LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE



Nancy Goodwin getting crafty at Gifts by Hand.

Moore Memorial Public Library has programs for everybody. From toddlers to seniors, we have programs to appeal to all ages and a variety of tastes, interests, and needs. Part of our library's mission is to fill our community's educational, cultural, informational and entertainment needs. We use these principles to

design our programs so that every program we do helps to make out community a better place.

We have Storytimes for infants and toddlers to help build and grow a love of reading, creativity and discovery. Every program has stories, singing and dancing, and a fun activity or craft. For more information on children's programming



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check out Page 6. Do you know any bored teenagers? We have three monthly groups to un-bore almost any teen. We have the Teen Advisory Board, which is a fun way for teens to earn leadership hours and to make their mark on the library. We have our popular Manga Club where the manga obsessed and newbies alike can bond

over manga. Lastly, we have Board Games You've Never Played, a collection of unique card, strategy, and board games to wake up the mind. Turn to Page 7 for more details and dates and times.



A mad scramble for music at Storytime.

For the over 18 set we have new programming all the time. In the next few months you can learn to knit, balance your budget, start a garden, begin bird watching, learn about Texas history, find your family roots, and more. You can cultivate new interests, learn more about our community, and have a great time doing it. You'll find all our adult winter programs on Page 2.

We'll also be doing a new round of our computer classes. You'll be able to learn everything from how to use a mouse, an array of Microsoft Office programs, editing digital photos, Facebook, searching the web, and more. The full schedule of classes will be on Page 3.

If absolutely nothing in our latest slate of programs grabs you, let us know what you'd like to see a program on and we'll try to add it to upcoming programming seasons.



A full house at our Basic Internet class

LET THERE BE LIGHTS!

Things are looking brighter than ever at the Moore Memorial Public Library. We are installing brand new lights and fixtures all throughout the library.

You'll notice the change as you walk through our stacks, read the paper, study, or read in

our Children's Department. Whatever you do, it'll be easier to see what you're doing!

Not only are the lights better and brighter, but they're also more energy efficient. Now the library will be brighter and greener at the same time.

Winter Adult Programs

All Meetings will be held in the Moore Library Meeting Room.

Stress Reduction in the Family

A representative from the ESCAPE Family Resource Center will be coming to discuss reducing stress in the family unit.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 8 at 1:30 PM



Money Matters

Lily Chu, of the Better Business Bureau, is going to be discussing the importance of budgets, credit, and other money issues.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 15 at 1:30 PM



Knitting Fun

The library's own Vivi will be teaching the basics of knitting. So come and learn to knit, or just come and meet other knitting enthusiasts.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 29 at 3:00 PM



Crafting Valentine's Day Cards

Come create Valentine's Day cards and crafts with Kayla and Luke. All ages are welcome.

WHEN: Thursday, February 7 at 3:00 PM.



Pet Care 101

A volunteer from the Houston SPCA will be coming to discuss tips on pet care and responsibility.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 12 at 1:30 PM.



1863: The Year that Changed Texas History

Edward Cotham Jr., an author and lecturer on Civil War history, will be giving a talk on the year of 1863 and how it impacted Texas forever.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 19 at 1:30 PM



Bird Watching

Dr. Alice A. O'Donell, of the Galveston Audubon Group, will be discussing bird watching in Galveston County.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 5 at 1:30 PM



Start a Family Garden

Nancy Heard from the Texas City Garden Club will be here to give some tips on starting a family garden. Find out how easy it is to get going growing.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 12 at 2:00 PM



Lost Bones

The Ancestry Searchers will host a program on how to use the 1850-1880 U.S. Census with Family Search and Ancestry.com. Please bring basic family historical information you already have, such as names and the birth or death dates/places of ancestors.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 20 at 1:00 PM



For more details about these events, please call our reference desk at (409) 643-5977.

Annual Meeting of the Friends of Moore Memorial Public Library

Library Director, Beth Ryker Steiner will give a "State of the Library" speech and Mayor Matt Doyle will talk about the "State of Texas City". Refreshments will be served.

WHEN: Monday, February 4 at 6:30 PM

Improve Your Computer Skills

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. All attendees will be pre-screened for skill level before each class. *Please see Sign-up & Registration Procedure below for details.*

Date	Computer Class
Thursday, January 3	Basic Facebook
Friday, January 4	Blogging for Beginners
Thursday, January 10	Basic Mouse
Friday, January 11	Basic Windows: Files and Saving
Thursday, January 17	Basic Internet
Friday, January 18	Organize and Backup Your Photos
Thursday, January 24	Fixing Photos
Friday, January 25	Online Search Strategies
Thursday, January 31	Basic Email
Friday, February 1	Intermediate Internet
Thursday, February 7	Basic Publisher
Friday, February 8	Basic PowerPoint
Thursday, February 14	Basic Mouse
Friday, February 15	Basic Excel
Thursday, February 21	Basic Windows: Files and Saving
Friday, February 22	Basic Word
Thursday, February 28	Basic Facebook
Friday, March 1	Blogging for Beginners
Thursday, March 7	Basic Internet
Friday, March 8	Organize and Backup Your Photos
Thursday, March 14	Fixing Photos
Friday, March 15	Online Search Strategies
Thursday, March 21	Basic Email
Friday, March 22	Intermediate Internet
Thursday, March 28	Basic Word
Thursday, April 4	Basic Publisher
Friday, April 5	Basic Excel
Thursday, April 11	Basic PowerPoint



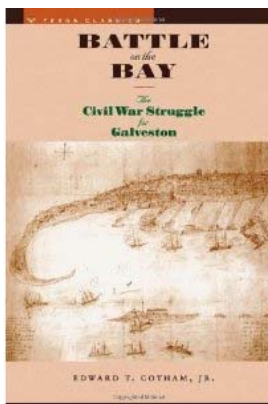
Wilbert Ray Watkins practices his mouse skills at our Basic Mouse class

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 9:30 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.

LOCAL HISTORY PROGRAM: 1863 THE YEAR THAT CHANGED TEXAS HISTORY

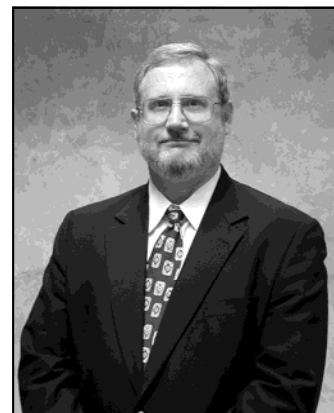
One year can change everything. At the end of 1862, Union forces were making inroads all along the Texas coast. It seemed just a matter of time before a large Union invasion force entered Texas and brought an end to the rebellion. But then, starting New Year's Day and extending throughout 1863, Confederate forces defied the odds and won a series of battles that were some of the most amazing and successful of the entire Civil War. Texas was actually more successful at defending its borders than any other Confederate state. Ed Cotham Jr. will explain how they did it and what it meant for Texas history.



Our speaker is a former President of the Houston Civil War Round Ta-

ble and is active in the Civil War Preservation movement. He is a founder and director of the Friends of Sabine Pass Battleground, a non-profit group dedicated to supporting preservation and interpretation of that important battlefield.

He is also the author of several books, including *Battle on the Bay: The Civil War Struggle for Galveston* and *Sabine Pass: The Confederacy's Thermopylae* which you can find at the library. This event will be in the Holland Meeting Room on **Tuesday, February 19 at 1:30 PM**. For more details about this event call our Local History Librarian Rebecca Snow at (409) 949-3007.



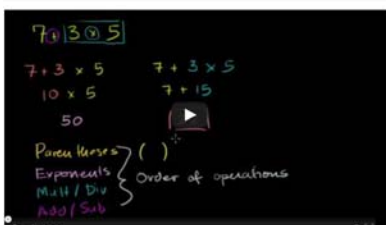
WEBSITE REVIEW: KHAN ACADEMY

Can you solve for x ? Do you know the value of absolute value? Does seeing a fraction make your blood pressure go up? Not to worry, there's a cure for math anxiety and it is online and free.

Khan Academy is a website that bills itself as the way to "learn almost anything for free," and in this case there is truth in advertising. Khan Academy covers math, computer science, finances, humanities, and more. Within each broad subject is a multitude of concepts and skills that you can learn with quizzes, videos, and real time assessments of your abilities in any skill they cover.

Every thing you do in Khan Academy builds skills that lead to other skills and is tracked for you in an easy to use interface. Even better, there is a way for parents, guardians, tutors, or teachers to sign in and follow students skills so

that they can better coach them in any concept they don't get. So if you have a student struggling with a subject, then you can not only direct your help where it's needed most,



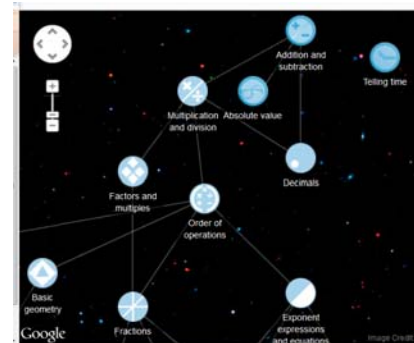
Video blackboards give step-by-step instructions for understanding concepts.

but also use Khan Academy to brush up on any skills that may have gotten stale since you were a student.

The videos are easy to follow and work like a digital blackboard with a voice explaining every step of the way. Each video gives enough examples to explain the concept without being so long as to get boring.

The quizzes are short and addictive, because the site turns learning into a game. You earn points for everything you do and earn badges for certain achievements. This drives students to push to take 'just one more quiz' or watch 'one last video' to get a coveted badge.

Khan academy has all the resources students of all ages need to build skills they may have once seen as impossible. You can sign up for Khan Academy and get started learning at www.khanacademy.com.



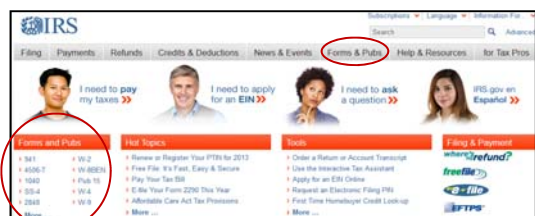
Part of the expansive math map. it shows how one concept links to another.

TACKLE YOUR TAXES STRESS FREE

The good news is that the Mayan calendar was wrong and the world didn't end this December. The bad news is that means it's tax time again. Fortunately the library is here to help you get the tax resources you need.

The filing deadline for individual tax forms is Monday, April 15th, which is just around the corner! The Internal Revenue Service will NOT automatically mail tax forms to individuals. Most 2012 tax forms and instructions are available

Help with common tax questions and problems is also available at this site, along with assistance in filing taxes online for free. After January 1, 2013, an individual may request forms by mail through the IRS toll-free number, 1-800-829-3676.



You can go to www.irs.gov for all your forms and publications.

for download and printing from the IRS website, www.irs.gov.

Moore Memorial Reference staff are ready to help patrons find and print forms and instructions from the IRS website. Please bring the tax number of the form or instructions publication needed to the library, and library staff will assist you in accessing and printing what you need. Printing charges are \$.10 per page for all black and white printing.

NEW CIRCULATION RULES FOR DVDs

Starting January 2, 2013, we will be changing some of our checkout rules for some DVDs. Our television series that are shelved separately (items with call number beginning with DVD TV, with the orange dot on the spine) will undergo the following circulation rule changes:

- Check-out period will change to 7 days.
- No renewals will be allowed on DVD TV items.
- There will be a limit of 4 DVD TV items to be checked out per patron.

We will start limiting check-outs of New DVDs (DVDs located in the New AV section with a yellow or green dot and

new AV tape on them,) to 4 DVDs per patron. This is to allow greater access to our newest materials to a larger number of patrons.

The total number of DVDs that can be checked out at one time per patron will remain the same: 6 at a time.

If you have any questions about any of our circulation policies, please call our Circulation desk at (409) 643-5975.



NEWS BRIEFS

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



New Year's Eve– The library will close at 6 PM on Monday, December, 31st. We will be closed Tuesday, January 1st. Reopen Wednesday, January 2nd at 9 AM.



Martin Luther King Day– The library will be closed Monday, January 21st. Reopen Tuesday, January 22nd at 9 AM.



Easter– The library will be closed Friday, March 29th and Saturday, March 30th. Reopen Monday, April 1st at 9 AM.

BOOK CLUB: Book lovers who enjoy engaging in stimulating conversation about literature are invited to attend Book Bits. Book Bits, a book club for ages 18 and up, continues to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2PM. This informal group setting allows readers to share new & old print favorites, discuss controversial titles, compare favorite authors and more. The group will meet on:



- January 2nd
- February 6th
- March 6th

Kids Zone

CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES

Each week, the library offers two storytime programs. The first program is **Toddlerific Storytime** on **Tuesdays** beginning again on **January 8th at 10:00 am** for children ages 1-2. Children listen to stories, interact with fingerplays, and sing songs together. There is also play time for the children. The second program is **Preschool Storytime** on **Wednesdays** beginning again on **January 9th at 10:00 am** for children ages 3-5.



and assemble a craft. Storytimes are held in the Holland Meeting Room.

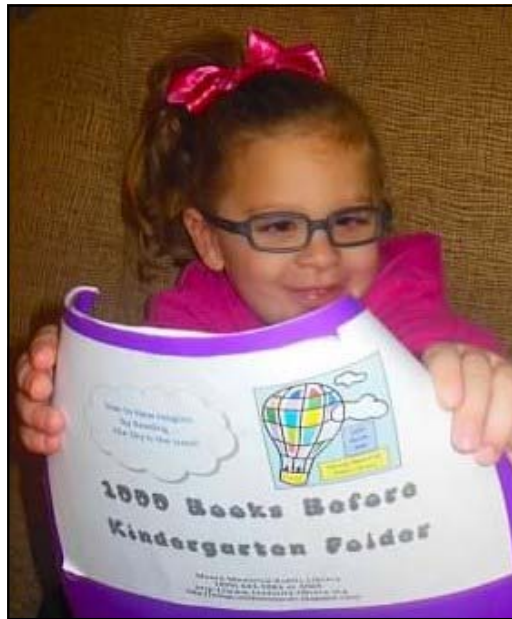
These free programs are a special opportunity to begin developing your child's literacy skills. For more information about these programs, call our Children's Librarian, Lauren, at (409) 643-5966. For the spring, storytimes

Children listen to stories, interact with fingerplays, sing songs, will be every week between January 8th and May 22nd.

SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS: 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Do you have a child or children that haven't started Kindergarten? Do you want to help them learn skills to read? 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is an early literacy initiative to encourage and support the pre-reading skills of children from birth until before they start kindergarten.

Our program is as simple as it sounds: read 1,000 books to your child before he or she starts kindergarten. 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 log sheet to record the first 100 books you read together. Once you



Great job, Zoie! Keep on reading!

fill your log, bring it to a Children's Department staff member and you can collect the reward(s) for your child for that level. Once you complete your 10th and final log, you will have read 1,000 books together!

You will get support from the library along the way. We'll help you choose books, give you early literacy tips, and encourage your child. Please ask the Children's Department staff if you have questions about the program, books, early literacy or how to help prepare your child for reading. You can stop by in person or call Lauren, our Children's Librarian, at 409-643-5966.

TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES AWARD BOOKS



The 2X2 Reading List, the Texas Bluebonnet Award, and the Lone Star books of 2012-2013 have been announced. The 2X2 is a reading list for the best books for children aged 2 through the second grade; the Bluebonnet Award is for the best books for children in grades 3 through 6, and the Lone Star is for the best

books for grades 6 through 8. So check out all the great lists; then check the books out of Moore Library! There are bibliographies of all these books available in the Children's Department. All these reading lists can be

viewed at: <http://www.txla.org/reaing-listsreading-lists>



MOORE TEENS

JOIN US!



The TAB made Vampires VS Werewolves Display

The Teen Advisory Board (or TAB) is the way that teens can have their voices heard at the library! Teens can help us improve our collection, come up with future teen program ideas, design and make displays, and put

their stamp on the library.

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. And as always, snacks will be provided. Upcoming meetings will be on:

Friday, January 4 at 4 PM

Friday, February 1 at 4 PM

Friday, March 1 at 4 PM

GET MANGATIZED

Join the club for Otaku (the manga obsessed) and manga newbies alike!



Once a month the manga club meets to read manga, discuss old and new favorites, and take part in new manga based activities each month. We even provide snacks, so empty stomachs don't interfere with our manga enjoyment!

Want to get mangitized like our manga members featured above? We used www.faceyourmanga.com to make manga avatars for our new Manga Club IDs. If you want your own Manga

Club ID, email our Young Adult Librarian, Luke

for instructions at lalvey@texas-city-tx.org.

The club will be open for anyone 12-18 years old. Call our Young Adult Librarian at (409) 949-3008 for more information. Upcoming meetings will be on:

Friday, January 11 at 4 PM

Friday, February 8 at 4 PM

Friday, March 8 at 4 PM

BOARD GAMES YOU'VE NEVER PLAYED

Challenge your brain and sharpen your wits with the best board, strategy, and card games around! Teens ages 12-18 can come to the library to play board games, strategy games, and card games like you've NEVER played before. We have selected award-winning games that are unlike any board games you've ever played! We have Settlers of Catan, Dominion, Pandemic, Fluxx, Munchkin, Forbidden Island, and many more.

If you want something more traditional, you can play a rousing round of

chess or the ancient strategy game Go. We also have the super fun party games **Apples to Apples**, **Cranium**, and **Scattergories** as well as all your favorite classic board games like **Monopoly**, **Scrabble**, **Sorry**, and more. Upcoming Meetings will be on:

Friday, January 18 at 3:15 PM

Thursday, February 28 at 3:15 PM

Friday, March 15 at 3:15 PM

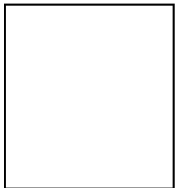


Photo by Teen Volunteer Ashlie

TXLA ANNOUNCES NEW READING LISTS

Teens looking for new reading material should check out the new reading lists from the Texas Library Association. TAYSHAS lists the best young adult books for 2012 and the Maverick list is the best graphic novels for teens in 2012. Check out the lists and then check out the books at the library! All TXLA award books can be found at: <http://www.txla.org/reading-lists>





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 Texas City, Texas 77590

Become a Friend of Moore Memorial 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.

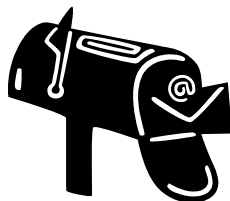
The Friends' dues for calendar year 2013 (Jan. 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2013) are the following:

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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