



# MOORE TIMES

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Moore Memorial Public Library Newsletter

## E-BOOKS AND THE LIBRARY: HOW DO THEY FIT IN?

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**E**-books and e-book readers have been all over the news media in the past few months. Some of you may be wondering how they will affect your personal reading experience and/or your experience as a library user here at Moore Library.

The good news is that e-books mean more choices for you as a reader. Just as the introduction of large print books offered readers the choice to read the same content in either standard-sized font or in a larger font size, e-books offer readers the choice between a physical print book or an electronic version loaded onto a compact e-reader device.

A March 2011 press release from the Association of American Publishers reported that sales of e-books in January 2011 increased 115% over e-book sales in January 2010. However, don't get ready to throw out all the books in the library yet – the number of e-books sold is still less than 10% of the total number of books sold in the U.S.

A few authors have chosen to publish specific titles exclusively as e-books, while many titles are not available at all in the e-book format. E-books have only added another dimension to readers' arrays of choices; they are not likely to



**Nelle Leach using her e-book reader**

replace print books anytime soon.

So how will this affect you as a library patron? Moore Memorial Library continues to provide you with print materials – and our patrons have continued to check them prolifically – but we have also added the Overdrive service to our collection, which allows patrons to download e-books and audiobooks to their electronic devices.

Additionally, watch for our new downloadable media guide to debut sometime early this summer; it will include sources for free downloadable e-books and audiobooks. In the meantime, if you have questions about e-books or need additional reading resources (print or electronic), don't hesitate to stop by the Reference Desk and ask us.

## Home Safety & ID Theft Prevention Seminar

Cpl. David Veil of the Texas City Police Department will be conducting a seminar on citizen safety. The program will take place Wednesday, April 12, 2011, at 1:30 PM in the Holland Meeting room. Cpl. Veil will take a look at several pressing concerns for every home. Issues spotlighted will include ID theft prevention, child safety precautions and neighborhood watch programs. For more information, please call the reference desk at. (409) 949-5977.



## APRIL COMPUTER CLASSES

Our computer classes are aimed at beginning to intermediate computer users. All attendees will be pre-screened for skill level before each class. The next set of computer classes will begin next fall. Check with the Reference Department beginning in August for the fall computer class schedule.

Beginning Internet	Thursday, March 31	10 AM
Beginning Email	Friday, April 1	10 AM
Intermediate Internet	Thursday, April 7	10 AM
Online Search Strategies	Friday, April 8	10 AM



Learning about Microsoft Windows

**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 a.m. 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 the library, 409-643-5977.

## TAX DAY 2011 – IT’S ALMOST HERE!

Tax day is April 15<sup>th</sup> – are you ready? For the first time ever, the IRS will no longer mail tax forms automatically. People will need to either file their taxes online, call the IRS to request forms, or print forms from the IRS website. The IRS has made all tax forms, instruction booklets and publications available through its website, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

Moore Memorial Reference staff are ready and waiting 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.



## NEWS BRIEFS

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

- Friday and Saturday, April 22nd and 23rd (Easter weekend)
- Monday, May 30th (Memorial Day)



**BOOK CLUB:** “Book Bits,” the 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 favorites, discuss controversial titles,

compare favorite authors and more. The group will meet on:

- April 6th
- May 4th
- June 8th

# Technology @ Your Fingertips



## 100 YEARS OF HISTORY IN ONE PLACE!

In celebration of the 100 year anniversary of Texas City, the Moore Library created an online historical exhibit about Texas City's history. The website can be found at [www.texas-city-library.org/TCH/index.html](http://www.texas-city-library.org/TCH/index.html).

Patrons can access articles about topics that span Texas City's history, including the city's early settlers, its incorporation, a timeline detailing the chronology of the city's development, prominent citizens, the history of the Texas City Dike, and others.

In addition to articles, the exhibit contains historical photographs, maps, and images of historical documents.

Our goal for this exhibit is to make the story of Texas City more accessible to its citizens and visitors and to provide documentation of how our local history impacts, and is impacted by, the events and history of the Gulf Coast Region, the State of Texas, the United States and the world.

Additionally, we are happy to find a way to share some wonderful, but very fragile, historical resources with the Texas City community and other interested individuals around the world.



**Early port scene of Texas City**

## WEBSITES TO WATCH

Internet Public Library ([www.ipl.org](http://www.ipl.org)) has been around since 1995. It is a public service organization that attempts to provide reliable, quality information on a plethora of topics to Internet users. You can use IPL to start your web search in place of the usual web browsers such as Google or Yahoo. The websites indexed by IPL are all chosen by library folk who insure that the websites included provide authoritative information. This can help you feel more confident about the quality of the information you get on the web.



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1991. All books available through Project Gutenberg are in the public domain, which means that they are out of copyright and legal to download for free. Check Project Gutenberg for a wide array of classic books and authors. Last month, over 4 million items were downloaded from the site – it is definitely worth a look!

# SUMMER PROGRAMS

## GET YOUR SUMMER PROGRAM TICKETS



Children's Librarian Kayla has your Ticket!

This summer the hottest ticket in town is to the library! MMPL will have great programs for kids, teens,

and InbeTweens! First week tickets will be available on June 1st on a first come, first served basis until the programs are filled. Then a waiting list will be started. Right before the show starts at the designated time, spaces for ticket holders who have not shown up will be given to those on the waiting list, in order of sign up. If there is more room available after the waiting list is called, people waiting at the door will be admitted until the program is filled.

and InbeTweens!

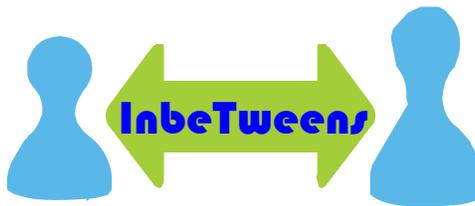
Except for the events on June 1-4, all Children's and Young Adult summer programs require tickets for entry. Tickets are FREE and will be available one week prior to the program.

After the program starts, no one will be admitted. Due to space limitations we cannot accommodate groups larger than five people.



## InbeTweens: New Programs Just for You!

InbeTweens is an educational and seriously fun summer program series designed just for 9-12 year olds. We will make crafts from recycled materials, bend ourselves into and out of shape, make modern art, learn the 'dirt' about science, and much



more.

All programs will be Thursdays at 10 AM. All programs require a FREE ticket for admission. You can pick up your FREE

ticket a week in advance at the Children's desk.

**June 9: Recycle, Recraft, Restyle**

**June 16: This is My Design**

**June 23: Boom, Boom, Pow!**

**June 30: Pretzel People**

**July 7: If We Build It...**

**July 14: Make Your Mark**

**July 21: "Dirt"-y Science**

**July 28: Minute to Win It**

**August 4: Mask-er-ade**

**SUMMER PREVIEW: CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

All Programs will be held in the Walter Holland Meeting Room. Tickets required for all events except from May 31-June 3.

**MAY 31- JUNE 3 FUN CRAFT ACTIVITY each day at 10AM****IMAGINATION STATION**

JUNE 6	Ages 3-5	Stories & game of imagination, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 7	Ages 6-8	Imagination stories, activity, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 8	Ages 3-5	Stories & game of imagination, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 10	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

**RUMBLING REPTILES**

JUNE 13	Ages 3-5	Dinosaurs, fun, and crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 14	Ages 6-8	Dinosaurs & paleontology, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 15	Ages 3-5	Dinosaurs, fun, and crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 17	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

**AHOY, MATEE! WHERE BE MY TREASURE?**

JUNE 20	Ages 3-5	Pirate fun and crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 21	Ages 6-8	Pirates, treasure, and crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 22	Ages 3-5	Pirate fun and crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 24	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

**CAN YOU DIG IT?**

JUNE 27	Ages 3-5	What can you find in the ground?, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 28	Ages 6-8	Archaeology, activity, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 29	Ages 3-5	What can you find in the ground?, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 1	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

**CAN WE BUILD IT?**

JULY 5	Ages 6-8	Building fun and activity	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 6	Ages 3-5	Construction time and crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 8	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

**COLOR DANCE**

JULY 11	Ages 3-5	Color fun, creativity activity	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 12	Ages 6-8	Creativity, art, and crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 15	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

**HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?**

JULY 18	Ages 3-5	Gardening, craft and activity	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 19	Ages 6-8	Garden stories, craft, activity	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 22	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

**I WANNA ROCK...OR FOSSIL!**

JULY 25	Ages 3-5	Fun with Rocks, activity, craft	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 26	Ages 6-8	Rocks & fossils, craft	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 29	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

**DIG IN!**

AUG 1	Ages 3-5	All kinds of food, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
AUG 2	Ages 6-8	Food stories, activity, craft	10 AM	Ticketed
AUG 5	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAMS**

JUNE 9	Ages 3-12	Trash 2 Treasure	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JUNE 16	Ages 3-12	In My Garden	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JUNE 23	Ages 3-12	Dancing Feet	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JUNE 30	Ages 3-12	If You Hoppy and You Know It	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JULY 7	Ages 3-12	Piece by Piece	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JULY 14	Ages 3-12	Paint It!	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JULY 21	Ages 3-12	The Real Dirt on Science	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JULY 28	Ages 3-12	Minute to Win It	2:30 PM	Ticketed
AUG 4	Ages 3-12	Physical Art	2:30 PM	Ticketed

# SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

## SUMMER IS THE TIME TO READ

**R**eady, set, read! The library launches its summer programming for children, teens, and adults on June 1st, 2011. During the summer hundreds of library patrons participate in individual reading programs. At MMPL we want to encourage our entire community to read and read often. We want our programs to spark a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

This summer we want the whole family reading. Kids age 3-8 who read 40 stories by August 12th get a book prize. Kids who read an additional 40 stories will get another prize. Kids 3-5 can have 40 stories read to them and kids age 6-8 will read their own stories.

Kids age 9-12 will get a book prize for every 10 hours they read. Teens and adults will receive a

raffle ticket for every 10 hours they read. Drawings for gift cards will take place at the end of the summer.

Reading for the 10 hours can include magazines, books, internet articles, and audiobooks.

Adult and teen reading logs can be picked up at the reference desk and children's reading logs can be picked up at the Children's Desk.



**Katsura and Shion Kurayama getting started on Summer Reading**

## NEW ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

**T**his year's Adult Summer Reading program will offer some exciting opportunities for library patrons to catch up on their reading, share their favorite books with others and learn about Texas City's century of history. In addition to the annual Summer Reading Logs, this summer we will add several new activities specifically for adult patrons.

Each week we will host two trivia contests: history buffs can compete to answer questions about the history of our fair city, while literary types may want to take a crack at our weekly literary brain teasers. Questions for both contests will be posted online on our website, or you can find them in print at the Reference Desk.

Also new this year is our "Patron Picks" program, in which patrons can comment on their favorite books

online or in person; reviews will be posted (with or without your name, as you prefer) on the bulletin board in the library or as a guest blog entry on the Moore Musings blog.



**Kenneth Russell: hitting the books**

Finally, take a chance to "think outside the book" by participating in the upcoming library scavenger hunt. You may have the opportunity to ferret out some library secrets! The summer-long reading program will run from June 1 to August 13. For more information or details on the activities, stop by the Reference Desk or call 409-643-5977.

SUMMER PREVIEW: YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS (AGES 12-18)

All Programs will be held in the Walter Holland Meeting Room.

Special Programs:

Wed. June 15th (Ticketed) 2 PM



Paint and tag t-shirts to make a cool new look.



Wed. June 29th (Ticketed) 2 PM



Yoga for teens. Get twisted! Learn the basics of Yoga.



Wed. July 13th (Ticketed) 2 PM



Learn how to create your own Modern Art Masterpieces!

Wed. July 27th (Ticketed) 2 PM



Compete in super fun 60 second games for chances to win prizes!

Board Games You've NEVER Played: On Fridays from June 4th through July 23rd, we will be hosting gaming afternoons at the library in the Holland Meeting Room. 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 fun award winning games that are totally unlike any board games you've ever played!

We have :

**Settlers of Catan:** an award winning strategy game of conquest through building

**Fluxx:** a fast paced card game in which the rules are always in flux

**Super Munchkin:** use cards to create your own bizarre superheroes and battle monsters

**Forbidden Island:** a cooperative game of treasure hunting on an ever sinking island

**Fresco:** Be the ultimate painter in this unique strategy game

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 likes **Monopoly**, **Scrabble**, **Sorry**, and more.

Gaming Friday Dates	
Fri. June 3th	2 PM-4:30 PM
Fri. June 10th	2 PM-4:30 PM
Fri. June 17th	2 PM-4:30 PM
Fri. June 24th	2 PM-4:30 PM
Fri. July 8th	2 PM-4:30 PM
Fri. July 8th	2 PM-4:30 PM
Fri. July 15th	2 PM-4:30 PM
Fri. July 22nd	2 PM-4:30 PM

TEENS: WANT TO VOLUNTEER? BE A CHAPTER CHUM!

We are looking for teens willing to extend a helping hand to younger readers this summer. Young adults ages 12-18 are eligible to volunteer as a reading mentor to younger children in our Chapter Chum program. Teen participants can choose to either use their volunteer hours to gain community service credit for honor societies or college applications, or they can use the volunteer hours to "work off" their library fines. Teens interested in this program should contact the Reference Desk at (409)643-5977.

Children are encouraged to "read off" their fines to teen mentors. The library does not want fines to keep children from reading this summer! Children are encouraged to clear their blocked cards and practice their reading skills with a Chapter Chum. Children up to age eleven can reduce their book fines \$3.00 for every fifteen minutes of reading. *Please note that this program applies only to book fines and not fines from lost or damaged materials. Children may only read off their own fines, not those of other family members.*



Moore Memorial Public Library  
1701 9th Avenue North  
Texas City, Texas 77590

**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.

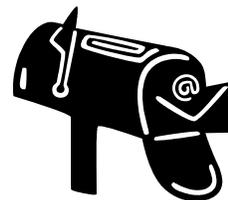
**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

*Please make checks payable to Friends of MMPL.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ City/State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**The Friends' dues for calendar year 2011 (Jan. 1, 2011 through Dec. 31, 2011) are the following:**

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



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