



MOORE TIMES

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Moore Memorial Public Library Newsletter

NEW YEAR = GREAT NEW PROGRAMS AT MOORE LIBRARY

With the new year comes a new slate of programming at Moore Library. This year, the library will host a diverse array of speakers addressing topics such as nutrition, home safety and ID theft prevention, social security, and legal issues such as power of attorney and probate. In February, the Texas City Ancestry Searchers will present a free workshop for patrons interested in beginning research on their own family histories (see article below). Later that month, Helen Mooty will present a session on Texas City's 1867 Settlement of Black Cowboys (see page 4). Crafty types may want to attend our Vintage Valentine program, where they can learn to design old-fashioned Valentine cards in time for the holiday. We will also continue our Adult Board Game Group starting in January. Old friends and newcomers alike are welcome.



A full house for our Computer Pro-

for adult beginners. Classes begin in January.

Toddlerific and Preschool Storytimes for infants and children up to age 5 resume on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in January. Our storytimes build children's reading readiness and allow them to hear stories in a fun, interactive environment (see page 6 for dates and times).

Want to use a computer but don't know how? Check out page 3 for our schedule of free computer classes

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will meet every month for activities, discussion of how to improve teens' library experiences, and to have fun. In March, we'll start a brand new Manga and Anime Club for teens to celebrate all that is Japanese comics and cartoons (more details on page 7)! We'll post notices of upcoming programs on our website (www.texascity-library.org), or you can contact the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977 for dates and details.

FIND YOUR FAMILY'S "LOST BONES"

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On Wednesday, Feb. 23rd from 1:30 to 3:30, the Texas City Ancestry Searchers will present a class for current and future family historians entitled "Lost Bones: How to start your family history."

The class will meet in the Holland Meeting Room at Moore Memorial Public Library. Laptop computers will be

available so that attendees can gain hands-on experience searching online genealogical databases, census data and other useful genealogical websites. Members of the Ancestry Searchers group will provide one-on-one guidance and suggestions for searching techniques and resources.

Attendees will receive a packet of materials, information source lists and forms to help them continue their research after the class.

If you are interested in attending this session, please bring any basic family historical information you already have, such as names, birth or death dates /places, and/or social security numbers of ancestors. This information will provide the starting point for your genealogical searches. For more information call our reference desk at (409) 643-5977.



Ancestry Searchers: On the

Winter Adult Programs

All Events will be held in the Moore Library Meeting Room

Beginning Go and Board Game Group

Get ready to Go, because in January we're bringing back our regular program of board games for adults. Go, the ancient Asian art of strategy and skill, is here at MMPL. We will have an introductory class on how to play Go on Tuesday, January 11 and will have our Board Game Group on Tuesday, January 18.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 @ 1:00 PM (Go)
Tuesday January 18, 2011 @ 100 PM (Board Game Group)



Social Security Administration General Program

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be present to speak on issues relating to eligibility & enrollment. The rep. will also discuss recent updates to existing policies and will answer questions on general benefits.

WHEN: Thursday, January 20, 2011 @ 1:30 PM

Wills, Power of Attorney, and Medical Directives

Phil Roberts, a local attorney, will present a one part seminar on legal wills, Power of Attorney options, and various medical directives involved with family law.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 @ 7:00 PM

Vintage Valentine Craft Day

A special craft day, this session is open to adults and teens wishing to make a special Valentine craft for Valentine's Day.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 8, 2011 @ 4:00 PM



Home Safety & ID Theft Prevention Seminar

Cpl. David Veil of the Texas City Police Department will be conducting a seminar on citizen safety. Issues spotlighted will include ID Theft prevention, child safety precautions and neighborhood watch programs.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 9, 2011 @ 7:00 PM



Local History Program: 1867 Settlement

Helen Mooty, member of Galveston County Historical Commission, will talk about the historic 1867 Settlement of the Black Cowboys and its importance to Texas city and Galveston county history.

WHEN: Thursday, February 17, 2011 @ 10:00AM

Lost Bones: How to Start Your Family History

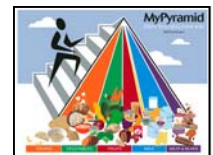
The Texas city Ancestry Searchers will show you the basics on how to start researching your family history. Please bring basic family historical information you already have, such as names, birth or death dates /places, social security numbers of ancestors.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 @ 1:30 PM

The New Food Pyramid

Mr. Bill Holcombe of the Galveston County Extension Office will be conducting a seminar on the recently improved USDA food pyramid. Discussion topics will include nutrition advice, how to feed your family on a balanced budget and various health concerns as we age.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 9, 2011 @ 1:30 PM



Gulf Coast Imaging "Take Better Photos"

Coby James of Gulf Coast Imaging Studios will present a class on digital photography, followed by a question-and-answer session covering how to improve your personal photography skills.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 @ 7:00 PM

Better Business Bureau "Consumer Awareness 101"

Lily Cuff, a representative from the Better Business Bureau, will be speaking on the problems and solutions involving Consumer debt and will offer tips on how to handle unmanageable debt, how to look for and avoid con artists and discuss basic consumer rights.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 29 2011 @ 1:30 PM

Friends of Moore Memorial Public Library Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the Friends of Moore Memorial Public Library will be on Monday, January 31, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Walter Holland meeting room at Moore library. Mayor Matt Doyle will speak on "The State of Texas City" and Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner will speak on "The State of Moore Memorial Library." The meeting is free and open to all. Refreshments will be provided.

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. All computer classes begin at 10 AM and run about an hour.

Thurs., Jan. 6	Computer Hardware	Fri., Jan 7	Basic Mouse Skills
Thurs., Jan. 13	Basic Windows	Fri., Jan. 14	Basic Word
Thurs., Jan. 20	Basic Internet	Fri., Jan. 21	Basic Email
Thurs., Jan. 27	Intermediate Internet	Fri., Jan. 28	Online Search Strategies
Thurs., Feb. 3	Reference & Periodical Databases	Fri., Feb. 4	Basic Mouse Skills
Thurs., Feb. 10	Basic Windows	Fri., Feb. 11	Beginning Word
Thurs., Feb. 17	Basic Internet*	Fri., Feb. 18	Basic Email
Thurs., Feb. 24	Intermediate Internet	Fri., Feb., 25	Online Search Strategies
Thurs., Mar. 3	Basic Excel	Fri., Mar. 4	Basic PowerPoint
Thurs., Mar. 10	Computer Hardware	Fri., Mar. 11	Basic Publisher
Thurs., Mar. 24	Basic Windows	Fri., Mar. 25	Basic Word
Thurs., Mar. 31	Basic Internet	Fri., April 1	Basic Email
Thurs., April 7	Intermediate Internet	Fri., April 8	Online Search Strategies

*Thurs., Feb 17th Basic Internet class will be at 2PM

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.

Library Receives Lone Star Grant for DVDs and Audio Books



Moore Memorial Public Library patrons should notice more DVDs and audio books thanks to a grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The library was awarded \$14,410 under the Lone Star Libraries Grant program authorized by the Texas

State Legislature through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

The library will continue adding audiobooks, movies, and several popular television series purchased with these grant funds, so keep checking in to see what's new!

LOCAL HISTORY PROGRAM: THE SETTLEMENT



Commemoration of Settlement as a Historic Landmark in 2010

Join us February 17th at 10:00 AM to hear Helen Mooty, member of Galveston County Historical Commission, give a presentation on the fascinating history of the 1867 Settlement. The 1867 Settlement Historic District is the only Reconstruction Era community in Galveston County. Often known as the Black Cowboys, this community was pioneered by the Bell, Britton, Caldwell and Hobgood families. The Black Cowboys endured slavery, forced enlistment

into the Civil war, and driving cattle for the Confederacy until the end of the war. The settlement is where they and their reunited families started a community for African Americans in Galveston county. After the Civil War, Judge William Jones set aside the only land in Galveston County available for purchase by African Americans. The acreage could only be purchased by freedmen who could get testimonials from local businessmen attesting to their good moral character and work ethic. Religion and literacy were an important focus of the early community, and by 1900 all but five residents over six years of age could read and write.

The Settlement is the place of many historic moments for Galveston County history, including the first African American cemetery, the first cattle brand registered by an African American and the first African American County Park. Come learn more about this unique part of Galveston County and Texas City history and how the Black Cowboys and Bell families' influence has extended to this very day. The program will be on February 17th at 10:00 AM in the Moore Library meeting Room. If you have any questions please call our Local History Librarian Rebecca Snow at (409) 949-3007.

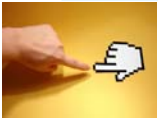
TAX TIME MADE EASY

It's that time of year again – time to file taxes! The filing deadline for individual tax forms is April 15th, which is just around the corner!

Beginning this year, the Internal Revenue Service will NOT automatically mail tax forms to individuals. Most 2010 tax forms and instructions are available for download and printing from the IRS website, www.irs.gov. 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, 2011, an individual may request forms by mail through the IRS toll-free number, 1-800-829-3676.

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.)





Technology @ Your Fingertips

KICK YOUR LIBRARY EXPERIENCE INTO OVERDRIVE!

Do you love audiobooks? Do you like to read ebooks? Moore Library patrons can download audiobooks and ebooks to their MP3 players, iPods and computers with Overdrive at Moore library or from home. We have a free download kiosk that will let you download ebooks or audiobooks to your personal devices at the library. Check at the reference desk for details or for help using the kiosk.



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DIY CAR REPAIR WITH ONLINE DATABASE



When your car starts to sputter who are you going to call? Moore Library of course! With our online database, Chilton's Online Auto Repair Manuals you will be fixing up your car in no time.

Chilton's Online is an easy way to access more than 45 years of information on repairing automobiles. Chilton's has auto tear-downs provided in step-by-step procedures, engine, chassis, electrical, drive train, routine mainte-

nance, suspension work and much more. It includes photos, illustrations and repair procedures.

To find Chilton's Online Database just go to Online Databases from our homepage at: <http://www.texascity-library.org/OnlineDatabases.htm>. You can use the database in library or from home with a library card. For more information about our online resources see the reference desk or call us at (409) 643-5977.



NEWS BRIEFS

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



New Year's Day– The library will be **closed Thursday, December 31st - Saturday, January 2nd**. Reopen *Monday, January 4th at 9 AM.*

Martin Luther King Day– The library will be **closed Monday, January 17th**. Reopen *Tuesday, January 18th at 9 AM.*

BEST BOOKS LISTS: The end of the year means it's time to crown the best books of 2010. See if your favorites made the grade at:

Good Reads: http://www.goodreads.com/list/show/3957.Best_books_of_2010

NPR: <http://www.npr.org/2010/12/09/131566277/best-books-of-2010-the-complete-list>

NY Times: <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/12/books/review/10-best-books-of-2010.html>

Publisher's Weekly: <http://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/book-news/awards-and-prizes/article/45070-best-books-of-2010.html>

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 5th
- February 2nd
- March 2nd



Kids Zone

Children's Storytimes

The library offers two Storytime programs every week. Toddlerific Storytime begins on Tuesdays on January 4th at 10:00 am for children ages 1-2. Children listen to stories, interact with fingerplays, and sing songs together. There is also some play time for the children. We offer Preschool Storytime on Wednesdays beginning January 5th at 10:00 am for children ages 3-5. Children listen to stories, interact with fingerplays, sing songs, 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 (409) 643-5983. This spring, storytimes will run from January 4th through May 25th. During January, the themes for the Toddlerific Storytime will be: I Like Books, Playtime, Down on the Farm, and Over in the Jungle. In the Preschool Storytime we will continue the alphabet with: K,L,M, and N.



Toddlerific

January 4th: I Like Books

January 11th: Playtime

January 18th: Down on the Farm

January 25th: Over in the Jungle

Preschool

January 5th: K

January 12th: L

January 19th: M

January 26th: N



Texas Library Association Announces Award Books



The 2X2 Reading List, the Texas Bluebonnet Award, and the Lone-Star books of 2011-2012 have been announced! The 2X2 is a reading list of the best books for children aged 2 through the second grade. The Bluebonnet Award list contains best books for children in grades 3 through 6 and the Lone-Star is for grades 6-8.

Check out all the great lists, then check the books out of Moore Library! All these reading lists can be viewed at: <http://www.txla.org/reading-lists>.



Moore Teens

Teen Advisory Board 'Snows' Off Their Decorations

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) took a generous amount of glitter to snowflakes and snowmen of their own creation to decorate our entrance to the Children's Department. The TAB hope the decorations help everyone get happy for the winter holidays. The TAB is a great way for teens to earn leadership hours for college applications and resumes. We try to make the TAB a fun and positive experience that will make our library better for all teens. For more

information about the TAB check out our meeting dates below or call our Young Adult Librarian at (409) 949-3008.



New Teen Manga and Anime Club

Fans of manga (Japanese comics) and anime (Japanese cartoons) unite! The first meeting of the Moore Library Manga and Anime Club is coming your way just in time for Spring Break.

The Moore Manga and Anime Club will allow teens to get together and watch anime, read manga, and talk about their favorites with other teens. We'll provide plenty of manga and anime, but feel free to bring your own manga books to discuss and share. That could be books you own yourself or any manga you



have drawn.

We will also provide snacks, so empty stomachs don't interfere with our manga/anime enjoyment! So if you are already an otaku (manga fanatic) or just want to see what all the buzz is about, check out the new club.

The club will be open for anyone 12-18 years old. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, March 16 at 2pm in the library meeting room. Call our Young Adult Librarian at (409) 949-3008 for more information.

Up-Coming Teen Advisory Board Meetings

Friday, January 7 at 3:15 PM

Friday, February 4 at 3:15 PM

Friday, March 4 at 3:15 PM

All meetings are in the Library Meeting Room

Check out what the TAB is all about. 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. For more information about TAB you can contact our Young Adult Librarian, Luke Alvey at (409) 949-3008.

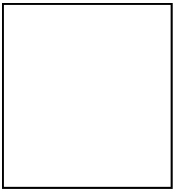
TLA Announces New Reading Lists



Teens looking for new reading material should check out the new reading lists from the Texas Library Association (TLA). Each year the TLA publishes lists of the best books of the year for teens. TAYSHAS is the best young adult books for 2010 and the Maverick list is the best graphic novels for teens in 2010.

Check out the lists and then check out the books at the library! All TXLA award books can be found at: <http://www.tsla.org/reading-lists>





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1701 9th Avenue North
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.

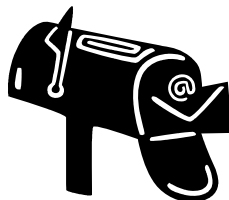
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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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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