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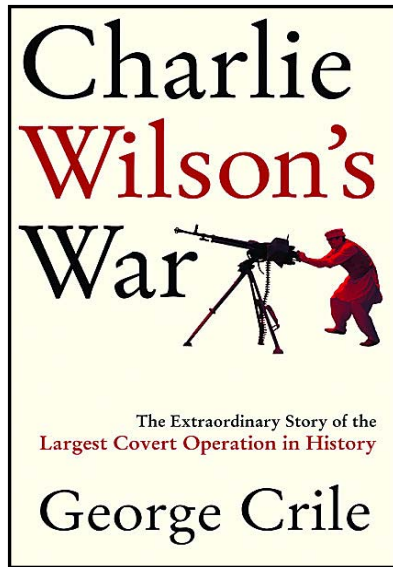
APRIL 2008

ANNOUNCING: TEXAS CITY READS!

The Moore Memorial Library is pleased to announce our newest reading initiative: Texas City Reads! By encouraging everyone in our community to read the same book, we hope to promote literacy and also create a common dialogue among community members.

The book, *Charlie Wilson's War*, written by George Crile, was chosen for many reasons. As a Texan, Charlie Wilson reflects the times that he lived through as well as our own shared Texas history. Also, much of international politics that affects our lives today, such as the war in Iraq and terrorism, can either

be traced back or were influenced by Charlie Wilson's actions in Afghanistan. Understanding the history involved



can help us better understand events in the world today.

Charlie Wilson served eleven terms in the U.S.

House of Representatives. Wilson was given the nickname "Goodtime Charlie" for his flamboyant character and frequently wild escapades. During his time serving in Congress, Wilson strongly opposed communism. As chairman of the appropriations committee, he was able to approve funding of covert CIA operations which supported Afghan rebels fighting against the Soviet Union.

Copies of *Charlie Wilson's War* are now available for checkout at the library's circulation desk. On **Saturday, June 21st at 11:00 AM**, we will be meeting in the Library for a book discussion.

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BLUEBONNETS IN SUMMER AND MORE!



Looking for something to read with your children during the summer? The Texas Library Association has you covered!

Each year TLA puts out four lists of books for children. The Bluebonnet list, for Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders, is by

far the most popular of these lists. TLA offers book lists for children in other age groups too. The 2x2 Books, Preschool through Second Grade, includes twenty easy to read books for children. For Middle School Students, the Lone Star Recommended Reading List offers twenty newly released

books from a variety of genres including nonfiction. The Taysas Recommended Reading for High School Students includes more than sixty titles also from a wide variety of genres. These lists can be found at the TLA website, www.txla.org/html/reading.html, or here at the library!



Library Closed Memorial Day:

The library will be closed on Monday, May 26th for Memorial Day.

Book Group: “Book Bits,” the book group for ages 18 and up, continues to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 PM. This informal group setting allows readers to share new & old print favorites, discuss controversial titles, compare favorite authors and more. The

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

group will meet on Wednesday, Apr. 2nd, Wednesday, May 7th, and Wednesday, June 4th.

NHS Tutoring: The National Honor Society of the Texas City High School will offer free tutoring for students in K-12 grades in the Library meeting room on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 PM.

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PM. See article, page 6

Social Security Presentation: A representative from the department of Social Security will be discussing options pertaining to Medicare and prescription drug discounts. They will discuss the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement Act of 2003 program and provide assistance with application details. Thursday, April 24 at 1:00 PM.

REQUIRED SUMMER READING

FOR TEENS

As part of our mission to support local schools and students, Moore Memorial Public Library will be hosting book discussions this summer for students’ required summer readings.

Beginning Monday, June 2nd, the library’s circulation desk will have copies of the books available for students to check out. Students who attend the scheduled book discussions get to keep the book they checked out.

A final schedule of when each title will be discussed will be posted on Monday June 2nd. For more information about this program, contact our Young Adult Librarian, Lisa Neal, by phone: 409-643-5977 or send her an email: lneal@texas-city-tx.org.



Required Sumer Reading Preliminary Schedule

- Mon. July 28– Blocker 7th Grade
- Tue. July 29– Blocker 8th Grade
- Wed. July 30– TCHS 9th Grade
- Thu. July 31– TCHS 10th Grade
- Fri. Aug. 1– La Marque HS 9th Grade
- Mon. Aug. 4– TCHS 11th Grade
- Tue. Aug. 5– TCHS 12th Grade
- Wed. Aug. 6– Blocker 7th Grade
- Thu. Aug. 7– Blocker 8th Grade
- Fri. Aug. 8– La Marque HS 10th Grade
- Mon. Aug. 11– TCHS 9th Grade
- Tue. Aug. 12– TCHS 10th Grade
- Wed. Aug. 13– TCHS 11th Grade
- Thur. Aug. 14– TCHS 12th Grade
- Fri. Aug. 15– La Marque HS 9th Grade
- Mon. Aug. 18– La Marque HS 10th Grade

CHILDREN’S STORY TIME MARCH

Toddlerrific Story Time:

Story Time for toddlers ages 1-2. Toddlerrific story time is held every Tuesday at 10 AM.

- April 1 Frogs and Shamrocks
- April 8 Grape Jelly Days
- April 15 Piggies and Cotton Candy
- April 22 My Legs and Feet Keep Moving
- April 29 Buzzy Little Bee

Preschool Story Time:

Story Time for preschoolers ages 3-5. Preschool story time is held every Wednesday at 10 AM.

- April 2 Look At Me---1, 2, and 3!
- April 9 Folktales and Nursery Rhymes
- April 16 Go Buggy with Insects
- April 23 Stop and Go Stories
- April 30 Book Doctor





The Library Friends purchased shopping baskets for patrons use as they browse the library shelves.

LIBRARY NEWS

Handy Gifts From Friends:

Thanks to the Friends of Moore Memorial Public Library, we can now offer patrons baskets for their books while they look around the library.

Changes at the Library: Moore Memorial Library is constantly making changes that we hope will best serve our patrons. In this last quarter, we replaced

the curved soft-seating in the magazine and general seating area. In its place, we now have soft navy blue sofas and chairs which we have arranged into multiple seating areas.

We've also made a change for our Meeting room. The bathrooms off of the Meeting room have been remodeled into a single, unisex bathroom that is wheelchair accessible.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can now renew library materials online? Books, audio books, and DVDs can all be renewed online.

Through the library website, www.texascity-library.org, go to our Online Catalog. At the top of the screen enter the library barcode number: (PMML000XXXXX) found on the back of your card for the User ID. Your pin number is your birthday (2 digit month, 2 digit day, and 4 digit year.)

As long as no holds have been placed on the items and no fees are owed, most library materials can be renewed up to two times.

CIRCULATION INCREASES

We are happy to report that our circulation statistics have been steadily increasing as compared to the same period last year.

We have had an 18 % increase in circulation over the last five months as compared to the same five months during our last

fiscal year. We have had a 10% increase in the number of questions that we received at the reference desk and a 21% increase in computer use within the library.

Even the use of our library website has increase by 61 % over last year.

We are grateful for the support of this community. We are doing our best to keep up with customer demand. On average we add a thousand new items to the library collection every month: books, DVDs, magazines, music CDs and audiobooks.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS HELPING THE LIBRARY

Local Teens have made a big difference in the library. Last summer, groups of teen volunteers helped our library by creating wall murals for the displays we put up each month. Teens helped us again during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Several of these teens were even featured in the Galveston County Daily News.

Now, as we prepare for our busy summer children's programming, local teens are helping again. The teens come in on Friday afternoons and prepare simple art projects that children will then be able to finish during the summer.

By attending these weekly volunteer sessions, Teens earn community service hours. At the end of the semester, students will receive an official letter from our library director describing the work that they've done and how much time that they put into it. Which they can either use to meet school or church requirements or which they can add to college admissions information.

Teens between the ages of 12 and 18 are welcome to join us on Friday afternoons from 3:15 to 4: 45.

We're very grateful to our local teens for all the wonderful work that they do!



Teen Freddy Stark uses cardboard boxes to construct a Mayan Pyramid for our summer display case.

Summer Library Programs for Children

Dig Those Books...Reading Rocks!

For more information about our summer programs, please see the complete summer program guide available at the library.

All of our summer programs are free of charge. Tickets become available one week prior to the program as first come, first serve. Five minutes before the program begins, seating will be open to the people on the waiting list. No one will be admitted after the program begins.

June 2-6 "I Want To Be Like Indiana Jones Week"

June 2	Jungle Stories	Story Time	Age 3-5	10 AM	Ticketed
June 3	Close Calls...Danger Lurking	Story Time	Age 6-8	10 AM	Ticketed
June 4	Jungle Stories	Story Time	Age 3-5	10 AM	Ticketed
June 5	Where's the Loot...Lost Treasure Stories	Story Time	Age 9-11	10 AM	Ticketed
June 5	Once Upon a Mattress (James Gibson)	Story Time	Age 5-11	2 PM	Ticketed
June 6	Summer Teen Book Club Intro	Book Club	Age 12-18	10 AM	

June 9-13 "What Will We Leave Behind?"

June 9	Dig That Treasure...Pirates and More!	Story Time	Age 3-5	10 AM	Ticketed
June 10	What Planet Are You From? (Environment)	Story Time	Age 6-8	10 AM	Ticketed
June 10	Writing Camp: Getting Started, week 1 of 6	Writing Club	Age 12-18	1 PM	Ticketed
June 11	Dig That Treasure...Pirates and More!	Story Time	Age 3-5	10 AM	Ticketed
June 11	Carnivorous Plants (Salt Grass Science)	Story Time	Age 9-11	2 PM	Ticketed
June 12	What Will We Leave Behind? <i>Our legacy to the future.</i>	Story Time	Age 5-11	10 AM	Ticketed
June 12	Reptile Rendezvous (Reptiles and More)	Story Time	Age 7-12	2 PM	Ticketed
June 13	Making Plush Toys--the Bad, the Ugly, & the Un-cute!	Activity	Age 12-18	10 AM	

June 16-20 "Adventures and Natural Wonders"

June 16	Small Wonders for Little Ones: Rocks, Shells, and More	Story Time	Age 3-5	10 AM	Ticketed
June 17	We are Interconnected: Humans and Nature	Story Time	Age 6-8	10 AM	Ticketed
June 17	Writing Camp: Structure & Plot, week 2 of 6	Writing Club	Age 12-18	1 PM	Ticketed
June 18	Small Wonders for Little Ones: Rocks, Shells, and More	Story Time	Age 3-5	10 AM	Ticketed
June 19	Togas and Mummies	Story Time	Age 9-11	10 AM	Ticketed
June 19	Spin, Pop, Boom! (Mad Science: Physics and Chemistry)	Story Time	Age 5-11	2 PM	Ticketed
June 20	Basic Cartooning featuring local artist, Texas Tim	Activity	Age 7-11	10 AM	Ticketed
June 20	Cartooning Workshop featuring local artist, Texas Tim	Activity	Age 12-18	11 AM	Ticketed

June 23-27 "Passport to Exotic Places"

June 23	Take Me Far Away (Multicultural)	Story Time	Age 3-5	10 AM	Ticketed
June 24	World Travelers (Multicultural)	Story Time	Age 6-8	10 AM	Ticketed
June 24	Writing Camp: Characters & Setting, week 3 of 6	Writing Club	Age 12-18	1 PM	Ticketed
June 25	Take Me Far Away (Multicultural)	Story Time	Age 3-5	10 AM	Ticketed
June 25	Back to the Bone (Invertebrates)	Story Time	Age 9-11	2 PM	Ticketed
June 26	Viva Italy!	Story Time	Age 5-11	10 AM	Ticketed
June 26	Science with Professor Chromedrone (Physics/Inertia)	Story Time	Age 7-12	2 PM	Ticketed
June 27	Summer Book Club Discussion	Book Club	Age 12-18	10 AM	Ticketed

June 30- July 3 "Sands of Time"

June 30	Sands of Time (Sand Stories)	Story Time	Age 3-5	10 AM	Ticketed
July 1	Scarab Fiesta! (Egypt & Mexico)	Story Time	Age 6-8	10 AM	Ticketed
July 1	Writing Camp: Trouble Shooting, week 4 of 6	Writing Club	Age 12-18	1 PM	Ticketed
July 2	Sands of Time (Sand Stories)	Story Time	Age 3-5	10 AM	Ticketed
July 3	Pyramid Power! (Egypt & Mexico)	Story Time	Age 9-11	10 AM	Ticketed
July 3	Back to the Future (Mark Shepherd)	Story Time	Age 5-11	2 PM	Ticketed

July 7-11 "Under the Ashes of Pompeii"

July 8	Heroic Children	Story Time	Age 6-8	10 AM Ticketed
July 8	Writing Camp: Revision and Editing, week 5 of 6	Writing Club	Age 12-18	1 PM Ticketed
July 9	A Digging We Will Go!	Story Time	Age 3-5	10 AM Ticketed
July 10	First Heard It In Italy	Story Time	Age 9-11	10 AM Ticketed
July 10	McGruff (Crime Dog) Visits	Event	Age 5-11	2 PM Ticketed
July 11	Computer Class (Exploring Publisher)	Activity	Age 12-18	10 AM

July 14-18 "Past, Present, & Future"

July 15	Inventing the Present	Story Time	Age 6-8	10 AM Ticketed
July 15	Writing Camp: Presentation, week 6 of 6	Writing Club	Age 12-18	1 PM Ticketed
July 16	I Want to be an Astronaut	Story Time	Age 3-5	10 AM Ticketed
July 17	Footsteps in the Irish Past	Story Time	Age 9-11	10 AM Ticketed
July 17	Storyteller Sally Goodroe (Irish Stories)	Event	Age 7-11	2 PM Ticketed
July 18	Murals	Activity	Age 12-18	10 AM

July 21-25 "Secrets"

July 22	On the Scent of Trouble...Dog Detectives	Story Time	Age 6-8	10 AM Ticketed
July 23	Birthday Secrets and Surprises	Story Time	Age 3-5	10 AM Ticketed
July 24	Secret Agent Kids	Story Time	Age 9-11	10 AM Ticketed
July 24	CSI Fingerprinting Workshop	Story Time	Age 8-12	2 PM Ticketed
July 25	Murals	Activity	Age 12-18	11 AM Ticketed

July 28- August 1 "This Oughta Be in a Museum"

July 29	This Oughta Be in a Museum	Story Time	Age 6-8	10 AM Ticketed
July 30	Oldie Moldie Goldies (Dinosaurs & More)	Story Time	Age 3-5	10 AM Ticketed
July 31	Odd and bizarre	Story Time	Age 9-11	10 AM Ticketed
July 31	Texas City Museum Visit/Fun	Story Time	Age 7-12	2 PM Ticketed

August 4-8 "Pure Adrenalin—Extreme Adventure"

Aug 5	Facing Danger	Story Time	Age 6-8	10 AM Ticketed
Aug 6	I've Got Goosebumps	Story Time	Age 3-5	10 AM Ticketed
Aug 7	Heart Pumping Stories!	Story Time	Age 9-11	10 AM Ticketed
Aug 7	Endangered Species with Texas Master Naturalist	Story Time	Age 5-11	2 PM Ticketed

August 11-15 Independent Reading Week (Reading Logs due Fri., Aug. 15th)

Summer Reading Clubs June 2- Aug. 15

Eager Beaver, for Non-Readers

Pre-school age children can listen to 40 stories by deadline to receive a book prize. Additional prizes will be awarded for each additional 40 books listened to.

Junior Texas Reading Club, K-2

Kindergarten-2nd grade children can read 40 stories by deadline to receive a book prize. Additional prizes will be awarded for each additional 40 books read.

Texas Reading Club, 3-6

Third to Sixth grade children can read for 10 hours by deadline to receive a book prize. Additional prizes will be awarded for each additional 10 hours of reading.

Teen Scene Reading Club 12-16

Teens can read for 10 hours by deadline to receive an entry to our teen prize drawing. Additional entries will be awarded for each additional 10 hours of reading.

Adult Reading Club

Adults can read for 10 hours by deadline to receive an entry to our adult book prize drawing. Additional entries will be awarded for each additional 10 hours of reading.

Reading Logs will
be available
June 2, 2008

All Reading Logs
must be turned in
by August 15, 2008

Teen Chapter Chums Needed

We are looking for teens willing to extend a helping hand to younger readers this summer. Teens, ages 12-18, can volunteer as a reading mentor chum by listening to young readers practicing their skills. Volunteers can either receive credit for volunteer hours or "listen away" library fines. Interested teens should sign up at the reference desk in the library.



AUTHOR VISIT: JUDGE SUSAN P. BAKER



Judge Susan P. Baker has lived in Galveston for most of her life. In 1967, she graduated from Ball High School and went on from there to earn her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Houston at Clear Lake. She eventually attended South Texas College of Law where she earned her Juris Doctorate.

While in Law School, Baker worked as a probation officer. After earning her law degree, she went into private practice. In 1990, she took over the position of Judge of the 306th Judicial District of Texas, a Family District Court,

from her father. She held that position until 2002.

As a judge, Baker founded the Galveston County Program of Court Appointed Special Advocates which represents the interests of abused and neglected children in court proceedings. In 1997, she used two grants to reform the Galveston court system's work with abuse and neglect cases, creating a model program for the state of Texas.

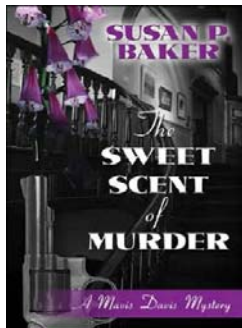
Her professional experiences have informed her writings. She has written five books: three mysteries and two non-fiction books. She has also served in leadership positions within the writ-

ing community where she served as President of the Southwest Chapter of Mystery Writers. Her book, *Death of a Prince*, earned the Writers' League of Texas' Violet Crown Award.

Baker is the mother of two and grandmother of seven. She and her husband enjoy traveling.

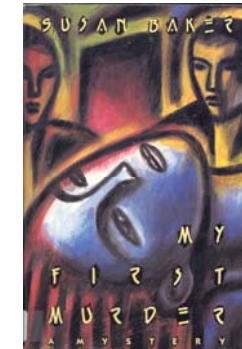
For more information about Judge Susan Baker, visit her website: www.susanpbaker.com/

Tuesday, April 29, 2008
6:30 PM
The Library Meeting Room



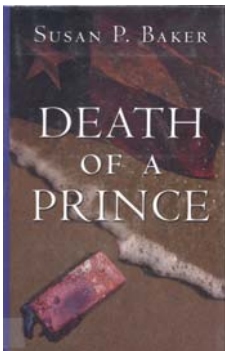
Sweet Scent of Murder

PI Mavis Davis begins investigating the disappearance of a River Oaks teenager, but then the girls' father dies and her brother also goes missing. Mavis becomes the prime suspect in her own case. MYS BAKER



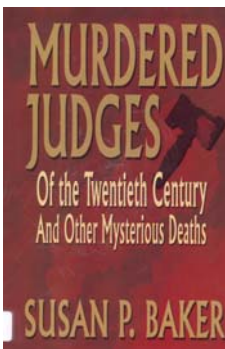
My First Murder

Frustrated by the bureaucracy in her job as a probation officer, Mavis Davis quits to become a Private Investigator. She isn't expecting much in the way of excitement, but then Carl Singleton shows up and asks her to find a murderer. MYS BAKER



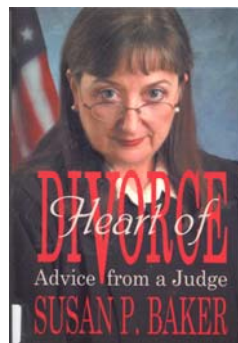
Death of a Prince

Attorney Sandra Salinsky agrees to defend a daughter accused of murdering her wealthy father. Sandra's mother gives Sandra helpful information as the evidence in the case begins to hit closer and closer to home. MYS BAKER



Murdered Judges of the Twentieth Century

What began as research on security for the Galveston Court house, eventually because a compilation of true crimes where the murder victim was a judge. 364.1523 BAKER



The Heart of Divorce: Advice from a Judge

A thoughtful book for families and individuals about the challenges facing divorcing couples, both those with children and those without, as well as tips for getting through this painful process. 306.89 BAKER



Helen Moore
(circa 1932)

NOTABLE TEXAS CITY WOMAN— ONLINE EXHIBIT

Who was Helen Moore? She was a worker, a volunteer, a state legislator, a traveler and a nature enthusiast. She worked tirelessly to help others and her community.

In Texas City, Helen Moore is remembered largely in connection with Moore Memorial Library. While she and her husband, Hugh Benton Moore worked with the civic

club to start the library, this event was only a small part of what she did with her life.

Mrs. Moore worked to promote many worthy causes, including:

- Women's right to vote
- Our community's readiness for enemy attack (during World War II)
- Better conditions and treat-

ment for the mentally ill and other persons cared for by the State of Texas

- Better standards and practice in the medical profession
- The library will be posting an online exhibit to provide information about Mrs. Moore's life and her contributions to our community.

NEW MEDICAL DATABASE: SALEM HEALTH

Moore Memorial Library has purchased a subscription to a new medical database: Salem Health.

The Salem Health Database includes summarized health information on a wide variety of topics including diseases, medical tests, diagnosis, prevention and more. Entries include links to articles, graphs, and suggested readings. The database also includes a glossary of common

medical terms.

To access the Salem Health Database from home, visit the library homepage (www.texascitylibrary.org). Under the reference tab is a link to our online catalogs.

Along with the database, we now have the companion books, *Magill's Medical Guide* (R 610.3 MAGILL), which are available for use in the library.



TEXAS CITY DISASTER MEMORIAL

The annual memorial for the Texas City Disaster of 1947 will be held on Wednesday, April 16th at 9 AM in the Memorial Park.



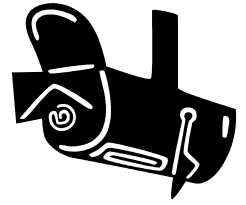
For information about that event, visit the online exhibition on our library's website (www.texascitylibrary.org) found under the local history tab.

Poetry! April is National Poetry Month!

We will be celebrating with a large poetry display as well as a display table full of wonderful poetry books.

Come by and brush up on old favorites like Shakespeare, Keats, and Lord Byron, or discover some new voices for our century!

Let the fun begin!



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Texas City, Texas 77590

Friends Annual Membership Form

For the Moore Memorial Public Library

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

The Friends' dues for calendar year 2008 (Jan. 1, 2008 through Dec. 31, 2008) are the following:

_____ Individual (\$10)	_____ Sustaining (\$50)	_____ Senior Citizen 60+ (\$5)
_____ Family (\$25)	_____ Valued Friend (\$100)	_____ Student (\$5)
	_____ Life Member (\$1000)	

Please make checks payable to Friends of MMPL.

Please return this form,
along with your payment, to: Friends of Moore Memorial PL
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Texas City, TX 77590

Thank you for supporting our library.