

MOORE TIMES

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MOORE LIBRARY WEATHERS HURRICANE IKE

The library made it through Hurricane Ike with relatively little damage to our building or collections. A small amount of water seeped into the children's department without damaging any materials or equipment, and we lost a bit of landscaping outside. Along with most of the rest of Texas City, the library lost power for several days after the storm. During that time the library was closed to the public, but the library staff was busy working behind the scenes to get the building and the grounds ready for our patrons once electricity was restored and we could open again.

We were able to re-open the library to the public



on Thursday, September 18th and resumed our normal operating hours right away. The library also held special Sunday afternoon hours for two weeks in a row to accommodate large numbers of people who needed to use the library's internet to file online applications with FEMA, insurance companies, pay bills online, check email and check in with their workplaces. We saw significant in-

creases in the use of our computers, as well as an increase in the numbers of patrons who brought their own

computers to the library to take advantage of our free wireless internet access. Many of our patrons found that the library can be a relaxing (and cool!) place to be when the power is out. Lots of people took the opportunity to get out of the heat, pick out a good book or magazine and just read for awhile. We were very happy to be able to provide this service to the community, and we offer our best wishes to all members of the community who suffered from the effects of the storm.



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY DONATES NEW FURNITURE



Late this summer, the Friends of the Moore Memorial Public Library donated money for the purchase of four new benches. The benches arrived in September and are located in the foyer of the library, near the main entrance.

The new furniture provides patrons with a place to sit while waiting for family members to complete their check-outs or while

waiting for their rides to arrive. Appropriately enough, the upholstery on the new furniture is a tapestry of books! We offer a hearty thanks to our faithful Friends group!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Friends of Moore Memorial Public Library, see the membership application printed on the back of this newsletter.

SUMMER READING MAKES SIR-READ-A-LOT GROW QUICKLY!

Thanks to all the summer reading in Texas City this year, Sir Read-A-Lot grew enormously! For every ten hours read over the summer, a circle was added to our bookworm mascot. Children, adults, teens and library staff participated and worked hard to make our bookworm grow.

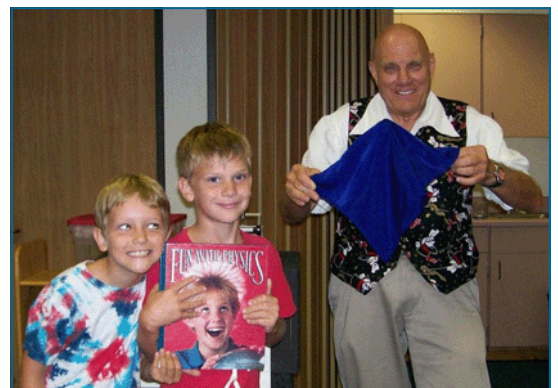
2007: 230 circles (71'4" long)

2008: 302 circles (100.666 feet long)!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thanks to all our participants! Sir Read-A-Lot will be back next summer and you'll have a chance to help him grown even more.



Left: McGruff (crime dog) visits Moore Memorial Public Library



Right: Wrath and Levi attend "Science with Professor Chromedome" summer program



ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 4th

Here are some useful websites as Election Day approaches:

1. Annenberg Political Fact Check (www.factcheck.org)
 - A project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania, this site evaluates the speeches and statements of politicians and candidates for accuracy.
2. League of Women Voters (www.lwv.org)
 - Includes the highly respected Voter's Guide To access this guide click on the link on the left hand side of the page.
3. Project VoteSmart (www.votesmart.org)
 - This non-profit website evaluates the rhetoric and backgrounds of candidates for accuracy and completeness.
4. Vote411.org (www.vote411.org)
 - Provides facts about the voting process, eligibility requirements, poll locations and ballot measures.

Political parties:

- Democratic party's official website (www.democrats.org)
Obama/Biden campaign (www.barackobama.com/index.php)
- Libertarian party's official website (www.lp.org)
Ron Paul's campaign (www.campaignforliberty.com)
- Republican party's official website (www.rnc.org)
McCain/Palin campaign (www.johnmccain.org)



SPOTLIGHT On a Website

USA.gov

<http://www.usa.gov>

This website is the portal site for information about American government at all levels. From voting to blood banks, from government jobs to government forms, you can find links to

federal, state and local government agencies, programs and information. The site has multiple ways to seek information including a search engine, menus and topical subject trees. You may also access direct web chat, email and locator contact information easily. For those individuals who need extra help

in locating information, there are a number of specialized locator tutorials available.

If you have room in your favorites or bookmark lists for only one government website, this should be the one!





FREE COMPUTER CLASSES

Our beginner computer classes here at the library have been so well received that we are adding more classes to cover additional topics and programs. The new classes will be aimed at beginning to intermediate computer users. All of our computer classes are free to the public.

Very Beginning Computer & Mouse Use	Thursday, October 2	10 AM
Beginning MS Excel	Friday, October 3	10 AM
Beginning Windows	Thursday, October 9	10 AM
Beginning MS PowerPoint	Friday, October 10	10 AM
Beginning Internet	Thursday, October 16	10 AM
Searching for Medical Information Online	Friday, October 17	10 AM
Beginning Email	Thursday, October 23	10 AM
Basic MS Word	Friday, October 24	10 AM
Computer Hardware	Thursday, October 30	10 AM
Intermediate Internet	Friday, October 31	10 AM
Very Beginning Computer & Mouse Use	Thursday, November 6	10 AM
Beginning Windows	Friday, November 7	10 AM
Beginning Internet	Thursday, November 13	10 AM
Beginning Email	Friday, November 14	10 AM
Using Library Databases to Find Periodical Articles	Thursday, November 20	10 AM
Online Search Strategies (Advanced)	Friday, November 21	10 AM



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.

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME OCTOBER—DECEMBER

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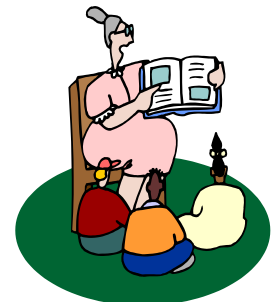
Story Time for toddlers ages 1-2.

October 7	10 AM	Bath Time
October 14	10 AM	Rhyme Time
October 21	10 AM	Dinosaur Days
October 28	10 AM	Yummy! Yummy!
November 4	10 AM	Dog-Eared
November 11	10 AM	Bird Boogie
November 18	10 AM	Animal Sounds
November 25	10 AM	On The Farm
December 2	10 AM	You're A Special Somebody
December 9	10 AM	Hugs and Kisses
December 16	10 AM	Mice Are Nice

Preschool Story Time:

Story Time for preschoolers ages 3-5.

October 1	10 AM	Letter C
October 8	10 AM	Letter D
October 15	10 AM	Letter E
October 22	10 AM	Letter F
October 29	10 AM	Letter G
November 5	10 AM	Letter H
November 12	10 AM	Letter I
November 19	10 AM	Letter J
November 26	10 AM	Letter K
December 3	10 AM	Letter L
December 10	10 AM	Letter M
December 17	10 AM	Letter N



LONE STAR GRANT

Moore Memorial Library has been awarded \$13,713 under the Loan Star Grant Program for 2008-2009. The Lone Star Libraries Grant was authorized by the Texas State Legislature and awarded to the Texas State Library and Archive Commission for Moore Memorial Library to purchase more than 225 DVDs, 150 audio books, and 125 large print books for library patrons to use. With negotiated discounts, the library expects to be able to stretch these funds to purchase an even higher number of materials in each format. Patrons will soon find the first orders of these materials on the shelves for checkout and can look forward to many new DVDs, audio books and large print books over the next few months.

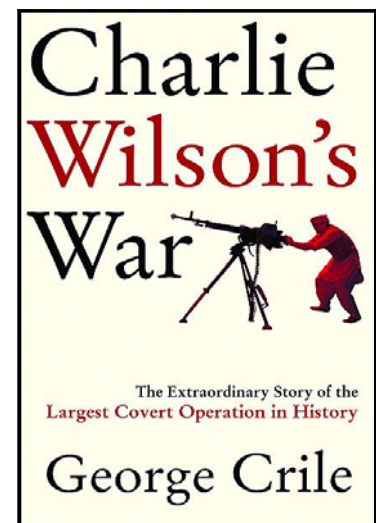
TEXAS CITY READS

The Moore Memorial Library is offering you a second chance to participate in 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. After our initial discussion of the book this summer, we had several requests to schedule a second discussion of this book.

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, which still has ramifications in the region today.



Copies of *Charlie Wilson's War* are now available for checkout at the library's circulation desk. On **Monday, October 20th at 10:00 AM**, we will be meeting in the Library for a book discussion.



NEWS BRIEF

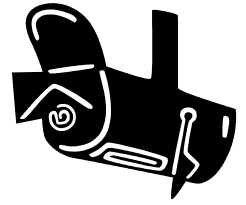
Library Holiday Closings: The library will be closed on Thursday, November 27th– Saturday, November 29th for Thanksgiving and Thursday, December 25th– Saturday, December 27th for Christmas.

Book Bits Group: 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 group will meet on Wednesday, October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd.



Daylight Saving Time ends: Don't forget to set your clock one hour back on November 2.



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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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Thank you for supporting our library.