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Moore Memorial Public Library Newsletter

MOORE MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY GOES WIRELESS!

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Move over coffee shops because there is a new Wi-Fi venue in town! Moore Memorial Public Library now has wireless access to the Internet in the library. Patrons wishing to use a personal laptop on the library's Wi-Fi network may do so if the laptop has a wireless card and a battery pack.

Moore Library also has mouseless laptops for use in the library available for patrons 16 and older when all other workstations are in use. These laptops will stay in the adult seating area near the Reference Desk. Laptop users will also need to show current government issued iden-



Lanny Martin (left) and George Cervantes (right) research information about their ancestors using Lanny's laptop and the library's Wi-Fi network.

tification and must agree to special terms of laptop use. For more information, please call (409) 643-5977.

MAYOR DOYLE, GUEST SPEAKER AT ANNUAL FRIENDS MEETING

Texas City Mayor Matthew T. Doyle was the guest speaker at the annual Moore Memorial Public Library Friends Membership Meeting on Tuesday, February 20th. The Mayor spoke about future goals and plans for the library as well as Texas City as a whole. Mayor Doyle summed up the expected areas of growth in Texas City over the

next 10 years as challenging and exciting.

To join the Friends of Moore Memorial Public Library, please fill out the form on the back of the newsletter and submit to the library with the appropriate dues. For more information about the Friends of Moore Memorial Public Library and upcoming Friends' Meeting please visit:

<http://www.texascity-library.org/friends.htm>



Texas City Mayor Matthew T. Doyle speaks at the annual Friends Meeting.

FREE INTERNET CLASSES AT MMPL

Moore Memorial Public Library is offering another series of free computer classes. These classes focus on basic computer usage, Internet searching and e-mail. All classes begin at 10 AM at the library in the Holland Meeting Room and run approximately an hour and a half. Classes are free, but space is limited and registration is required. To register or for more information, please call (409) 643-5977.

Beginner Computer Operations

Friday, April 13th at 10 AM

Are you new to computers? Not sure what a mouse is and what you should do with it? This is the class for you! In Beginner Computer Operations participants will be introduced to various computer hardware and software, become an expert at 'clicking', and learn how to highlight.

Beginner Internet

Friday, April 20th at 10 AM

Do you know how to move a cursor around but just don't know what to do with it or where to go? Beginner Internet will introduce you to navigating on the Internet.

Beginner Email

Friday, April 27th at 10 AM

Come on, jump in on the e-mail craze! Wouldn't it be nice to communicate with friends and family without having to pay long distance phone bills or buy stamps? By the end of this class you will have your own *Yahoo!* e-mail address and will know how to write, send and check your mail.

NEWS BRIEFS

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

- Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7- Easter Holiday
- Monday, May 28- Memorial Day
- Wednesday, July 4- Independence 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 group will meet on:

- April 4

- May 2
- June 6

FAFSA APPLICATIONS: The library continues to have FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) applications for Spring and Fall of 2008 and FAFSA On the Web Worksheets 2007-2008. These forms are for new and continuing college students who are applying for financial aid.

NEW LIBRARIAN If you frequent the library, you may have noticed a new face behind the Reference Desk. Rebecca Snow is Moore Memorial Public Library's Local History/ Reference Librarian and she comes to us from Austin, Texas. Welcome Rebecca!



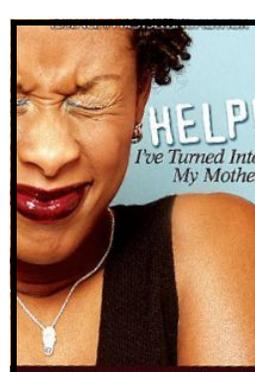
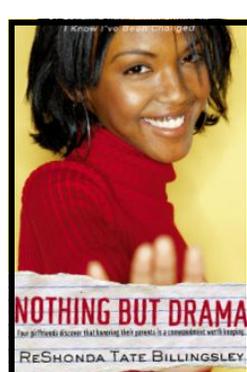
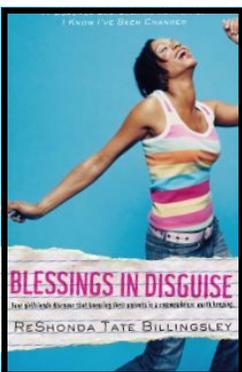
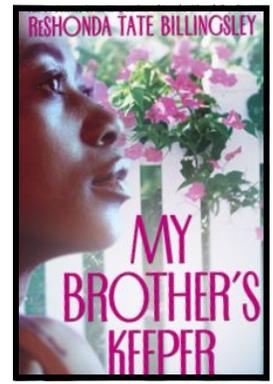
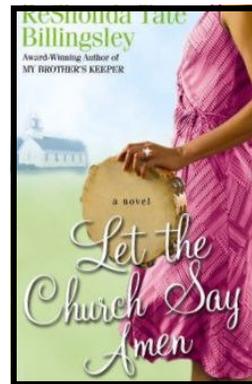
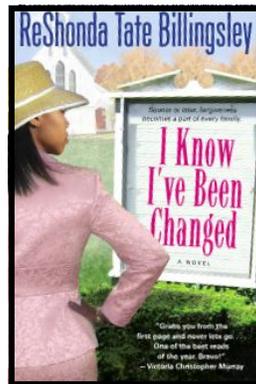
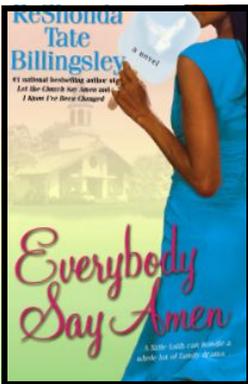


HOUSTON AUTHOR RESHONDA TATE BILLINGSLEY VISITS MOORE MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mark your calendar for Friday, April 20th at 3 PM for bestselling inspirational author ReShonda Tate Billingsley's visit to Moore Memorial Public Library. Billingsley writes fiction for adults and young adults and has won several awards, including #1 Essence Magazine Bestseller for her novel *Let the Church Say Amen*. Her book *Blessings in Disguise* was the #1 pick of Ebony magazine. Last year she was named a 2006 Texas Executive Woman on the Move. If Billingsley seems familiar, you may have recognized her from her days as a KRIV FOX 26 news correspondent.

During her visit she will have books for sale and will be signing copies of her books. Come early as space is limited. Please read more about Reshonda, her books, and her blog by visiting her website at:

<http://www.reshondatatebillingsley.com/>



To reserve a library copy of one of ReShonda Tate Billingsley's books to read, please go to the library's website at <http://www.texascity-library.org> or call the library at (409) 643-5972.

TEXAS CITY DISASTER WEB EXHIBIT

The morning of April 16, 1947, started out as an average spring day, but by day's end several hundred Texas City residents lost their lives and thousands of dollars of property was destroyed when a ship in the port of Texas City exploded.

This year is the 60th anniversary of the Texas City Disaster. The library has created an online exhibit about the disaster which is accessible from Moore Memorial Public Library's homepage (www.texascity-library.org). This exhibit was created by staff librarians Daniel Stuart, Samantha Johnson, and Amelia Chau. It provides a description of the 1947 Disaster, its causes and its impact on the community. The exhibit includes photos, maps, and a bibliography of sources relating to the disaster.

DISASTER PHOTOS ON THE WEB

Moore Library has posted many of our archival photos relating to the 1947 Disaster on the Portal to Texas History Website. Made possible by a grant from the Sommerlee Foundation, the exhibit features three hundred and eighty-two photographs with titles and descriptions. Photographs range from damaged boats, rescue workers, to memorial services. All photographs featured appear as a thumbnail photographs, but one can enlarge the photograph to a full screen image by clicking on the thumbnail.

The web exhibit also includes historic photos from early Texas City citizens, the Hurricane of 1915, the United States Army and the First Aero Squadron, which were stationed in Texas City from 1913 to 1915.

Right: Heavy black smoke from the Texas City Disaster was seen from miles away. This view is from Galveston's Strand District. Several hundred people lost their lives that day. It is still unknown what exactly caused the explosion to occur.

To view the Texas City Disaster exhibit:

- Point your browser to <http://texashistory.unt.edu>
- Select "Researchers Portal"
- Type the term "Texas City" into the search box
- Choose "Moore Memorial Public Library" from the pull-down menu labeled "institution"



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1947 DISASTER



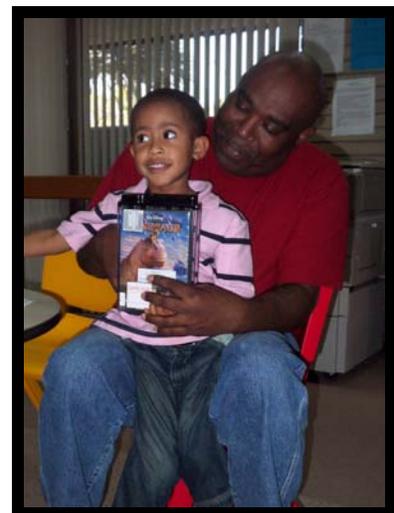
The 60th Anniversary Memorial Service for the 1947 Texas City Disaster will take place on Monday, April 16th at 9 AM in Memorial Park. The keynote speaker is Mr. Fletcher Harris. He will speak about the U.S. Coast Guard assistance during the 1947 disaster. Participants will also include Mayor Matt Doyle, Gwendolyn Dorsey, Father Tom Ponzini, representatives from the Texas City Police Department, representatives from the Texas City Fire Department, the Mainland Preparatory Honor Choir, and Twila Lindblade, Field Representative for Congressman Ron Paul. Two plaques of appreciation will also be presented to the U.S. Coast Guard and the American Red Cross (Galveston County Branch). Parking is permitted on the street outside the park and in the residential areas surrounding the park. Those wishing to attend the service may also park at Trinity Baptist Church, located at 2220 29th St. North, and ride golf carts to Memorial Park.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Get ready to find your reading glasses and get comfy in your favorite chair! Programs for Summer 2007, including activities for all ages, will be available on the website and in the library by May 1st. Reading logs may be picked up at the library or printed from the website beginning June 1st. This year's summer reading theme is "Sail Away With Books" and the Children's Department will have a number of 'seasonal' programs for kids. The Young Adult department will hold several book discussions on re-

quired summer reading titles for 8th -10th graders attending the Texas City Independent School District. Adults, too, will get a chance to compete for prizes by reading and logging their minutes.

Right: Jerome Poole and his grandson find a DVD to watch together. Moore Memorial Library has over 1,800 fiction and nonfiction DVDs in its collection.



NEW READER'S ADVISORY DATABASE

The Reader's Advisor  ONLINE

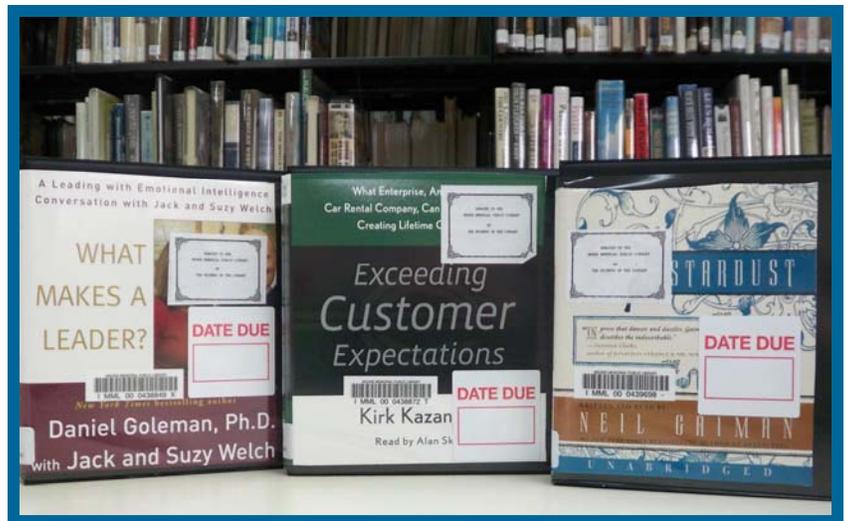
Bringing Books and
Readers Together

What do you read when you have finished the last Stephanie Plum book? Ever wonder if Janet Evanovich has written something else besides Stephanie Plum? Ever think you are missing a book from a series? Now finding out the answers to all your questions is easy and fun with the new reader's advisory database that has been installed on all Internet computers at the library. Click on the "Reader's Advisor" icon on the computer's desktop, enter an author's name or book title and the database will suggest other books the author has written, the order of books in a series, books from a certain genre, and read-alikes. The Reader's Advisor covers adult and young adult fiction and nonfiction and has information on over 125,000 titles. All titles have a brief description, a listing of awards the book has won, and a direct link to the library catalog. So come to the library, click on the new database, and find ideas for new things to read. Isn't it a good feeling when you discover a new favorite book or author?

FRIENDS DONATE AUDIO BOOKS

The Friends of Moore Memorial Public Library have donated funds to add audio book titles to the library. The new audio books are all unabridged, and include both fiction and nonfiction. All new audio books are in CD format. Visit the library's audio-visual section or surf the library's catalog at home to see all the new audio books that the library holds. Remember, you may place a hold on a title that is checked out by calling the library or visiting the library's website.

Thank you Friends of the Library!



Just a few examples of some of the donated audio books. From left to right: *What Makes a Leader?* by Daniel Goleman, et al., *Exceeding Customer Expectations: What Enterprise, America's #1 Car Rental Company Can Teach Us About Creating Lifetime Customers* by Kirk Kazanjian and Neil Gaiman's *Stardust*.

TODDLERIFIC STORY TIME

Toddlerific Story Time for ages 1-2 will continue in the Holland Meeting Room. This program is held on Tuesday mornings at 10 AM. The Toddlerific program lasts approximately 20 minutes. This language-enrichment program features simple stories, rhymes, songs and finger plays.

*Please note that Toddlerific Story Time will

end at the conclusion of April and resume at the beginning of September.

The Toddlerific Story Times for April are:

April 3rd—Toddler Talk

April 10th—Rain or Shine, It's All Fine

April 17th—Big & Little

April 24th—Who Says Moo?

For more information, please call (409) 643-5966

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Bring your preschooler to Story Time for ages 3-5. Preschool Story Time is held on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM in the Holland Meeting Room and lasts approximately 40 minutes. Story time features stories, finger plays, action rhymes, songs, crafts, sign language, the alphabet and more. Groups of more than six children must call to make special accommodations.

*Please note that Preschool Story Time will end at the conclusion of April and resume at the beginning of September.

The Preschool Story Times for April are:

April 4th—Numbers

April 11th—Springtime Is Here!

April 18th—Farm Life

April 25th—Book Doctor

For more information, please call (409) 643-5966



SPOTLIGHT ON A BOOK AND WEBSITE

MedlinePlus

<http://www.medlineplus.gov>

Are you looking for information about a health condition? Want more information about an herb you are thinking about taking? Need a heart diagram for school? MedlinePlus is an authoritative website offering information about drugs, an illustrated medical encyclopedia, a dictionary of medical terms, interactive patient tutorials, the latest in

health news, and information about prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines, herbs, and supplements. Easy to search, the information found in MedlinePlus is from the National Library of Medicine, the National Institutes of Health, and other government agencies and health related organizations.

The Lemon Tree: an Arab, a Jew, and the heart of the Middle East

By Sandy Tolan

This true story is set in the town of Ramla, in what was once Palestine and is now Israel. In that town there is a white house with a lemon tree in the backyard. Once the home of a leading Palestinian family driven out by war

in the Middle East, then inhabited by a Bulgarian Jewish family trying to recover from the devastation of the Holocaust, this house becomes the catalyst for four decades of dialogue between these two families. Through the conversations between these two families, the reader comes to understand the heartbreak, the hope and the complexity of the Middle East today.

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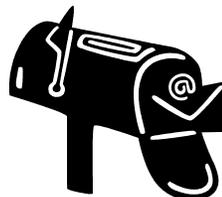
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Name _____ Address _____

City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____

The Friends' dues for calendar year 2007 (Jan. 1, 2007 through Dec. 31, 2007) 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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The Internet is for everyone! Valerie Velasquez enjoys a game she is playing on the Internet in the Children's Department.