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**LIBRARY'S NEW WEBSITE**

Patrons will have something to look forward to in January. The library's upcoming new Website will feature a list of events, book lists for various age groups, historical information such as the Texas City Disaster and much more. The Web address will remain at: [www.texascity-library.org](http://www.texascity-library.org). For more information, call Webmaster Amelia Chau at (409) 949-3008.

**CITY PROVIDES \$35,000 TO FUND 19 NEW COMPUTERS**

Moore Memorial Public Library is receiving 19 new public computer workstations thanks to the City, which provided \$35,000 in funding.

Library Director Beth Steiner said the new workstations are part of phase one in a plan to update the library's computer systems.

The new Dell computers offer the complete Microsoft Office package including Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access and Publisher. The new computers feature sound with headphones that can be checked out at the front desk, and the ability

to save files onto CDs.

The new workstations will be set up in the adult, teen and children's areas.

Patrons wanting to use the public computers can do so by signing in at the Reference Desk (12 & older) or in the Children's Department (11 & under) with their library card or photo ID.

Costs for printing include .10 per page for black and white copies and .50 per color copy.

Patrons can sign up once a day to use a computer. For

time limits and other information about computer use, call the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.



*New Dell computer work stations*

**MAYOR TO SPEAK AT FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING**



*Mayor Matt Doyle*

Texas City Mayor Matt Doyle will give the keynote address at the Friends of the Library annual meeting Monday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.

The public is invited to

attend. Anyone wishing to become a new member of the library's Friends group is welcome to do so by completing and returning the form on the back of the newsletter.

**LIBRARY OFFERS COMPUTER CLASSES THIS SPRING**



**Feb. 8** at 10 a.m.  
Basic email skills

**March 8** at 10 a.m.  
Basic Internet searching skills

**April 12** at 10 a.m.  
Basic Internet searching skills

**W**ant to know more about the Internet—how to search the Web or even set up a free email account?

Moore Library’s Reference Librarian Samantha Johnson will host a series of Internet classes this spring that are free to the public.

The classes are designed to help people

learn the most basic skills to get them surfing the Web and using email in no time. The classes are open to people of all ages.

For more information about the upcoming classes and to register, contact Johnson at (409) 643-5969.



**Tax Assistance**

Tax forms will be available in the library in January. Forms we do not carry can be printed from the IRS Website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). See the Reference Desk for assistance.

Tax assistance for senior citizens will be available Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 3 through April 14 in the meeting room. (First come, first served basis)

**LIBRARY PURCHASES NEARLY 300 DVDS WITH GRANT**

**M**oore Library is adding another 260-plus movies to its collection of DVDs thanks to another grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC).

The Lone Star Libraries Grant of \$6,463, authorized by the Texas Legisla-

ture and awarded to TSLAC for the library, will go toward purchasing additional educational and recreational videos for all ages as part of the library’s project to build its DVD collection and eventually phase out VHS tapes.

The library received a

similar grant last year to purchase more than 450 new DVDs.

Patrons can check out up to four videos on their card at a time. Checkout time for feature films is two days and one week for educational videos.



*DVDs in the library*

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**BOOK SALE:** The Friends of the Library raised \$300 at its annual book sale in November. The library also has a continuing book sale cart near the public restrooms. All proceeds benefit the library.

**BOOK CLUB:** “Book Bits” book club for adults will

meet Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15 and May 17 in the library meeting room. Anyone is welcome to attend. The informal group setting allows people to share ideas and discuss books they’ve read. For more info, call Library

Director Beth Steiner at (409) 643-5970.

**STORYTIME:** A preschool children’s storytime program (ages 3-5) is held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the meeting room. The 40-minute program features stories, songs, finger plays, crafts and even

basic sign language including a letter from the alphabet each week. Groups of four or more children must make arrangements by calling the Children’s Department at (409) 643-5966.



**CSI IN DURST CASE TO SPEAK IN FEBRUARY**

**C**SI, a popular television series, has sparked phenomenal interest in that area of law enforcement. Sgt. Gary Jones, a real-life crime scene investigator with the Galveston Police Department, will show patrons here what being a detective is really like.

From gathering evidence

at a crime scene to using special equipment to solve crimes, Jones will demonstrate his skills and devices during a program Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Jones assisted in the investigation of the highly-publicized case of millionaire-heir Robert Durst who was charged and later

acquitted for the death of his neighbor in Galveston.

Jones is featured in a book about the Durst case called *“Without a Trace”* by Marion Collins. Two copies, signed by Jones, are available in the library.

The CSI program is open to the public. For more information, call (409) 949-3007.



CSI Sgt. Gary Jones with Galveston PD

Feb. 22 at 2 p.m.

Meeting Room

**CHILD’S DEPT/HEADSTART LITERACY PROGRAM**

**M**oore Library’s Children’s Department and the Texas City Head Start Program are joining together to promote literacy among children.

The program, which will also involve parents of Head Start students, began when the Texas State Library signed an agreement with Head Start to form a coopera-

tion with public libraries to promote emergent literary skills, said Director Beth Steiner.

The library will have eight sessions in January in which Children’s Librarian Janet Bazemore will demonstrate storytime and explain to parents how to do storytime with their own children and how to promote reading

in the home. The library will provide parents with handouts and suggestions for activities they can do with their children. Also, parents who do not have a library card will be encouraged to get one so they can bring books home.

For more information about the program, contact Steiner at (409) 643-5970.



**LIBRARY HOSTS INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS**



**S**eniors here are becoming more active thanks to a grant from the Houston Area Library System (HALS).

Moore Library used the grant money to purchase kits of activities geared toward seniors for the monthly programs that staff put on at various senior facilities.

Assistant Library Director CarolAnn Mills and Children’s Assistant Betty Burns tell stories, put on skits, do sing-a-longs and crossword puzzles with the seniors to get them motivated and keep their minds active. They tie the programs into themes such as American heroes, holidays, music styles and world history.

The programs are held at the Senior Citizens Center at Nessler Center, Gulf Coast Nursing Home and Hearthstone Independent Living Center.

The grant also allowed the library to purchase large print materials and videos geared toward seniors.



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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership types:** Individual (\$5) \_\_\_ Family (\$10) \_\_\_ Student or Senior (\$2) \_\_\_  
Business/Organization (\$50) \_\_\_ Sustaining (\$25) \_\_\_ Valued Friend (\$100) \_\_\_