



MOORE TIMES

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Moore Memorial Public Library Newsletter

HOT TIMES IN THE LIBRARY



Young lioness, Catherine Bird, helped create a mural.

The library launched its summer programming for children, teens, and adults on June 1st, 2009. During the summer months hundreds of library patrons participate in individual workshops, story times, and reading programs. These workshops and programs are exciting and offer a cool break from the heat of summer.

The children's summer program is themed "A Place Called Texas." Library staff have created a number of entertaining and educational programs. Children attending these programs have an opportunity to learn more about the great state of Texas and create a number of festive craft projects. Older

children have also participated in weekly computer camps.

During the month of June children learned about the sea creatures in the Gulf Coast and local fresh water systems. As well, they have explored NASA, outer space, and the history of Texas cowboys. Upcoming programs will examine local wildlife, our state's diverse culture, local legends and folklore, the often



Luke Gordon and Armando Moreno show off their scratch paper creations.

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Summer may just be getting started, but school is right around the corner. The library remains one of the best resources for students in need of print and electronic research materials. Please speak to a reference librarian to learn how we can better the study experience.

School will begin on the following dates for these local school districts:

Texas City ISD: August 24th

LaMarque ISD: August 21st (9th Grade); August 24th (All other grades)

Santa Fe ISD: August 21st (9th Grade); August 24th (All other grades)

Dickinson ISD: August 24th

Lamar ISD: August 24th

Clear Creek: August 25th

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. *Please see Sign-up & Registration Procedure below for details.*

Fall Computer Class Schedule

Computer Class	Date
Basic Mouse Skills	Thursday, September 3
Computer Hardware	Friday, September 4
Basic Windows	Thursday, September 10
Basic Word	Friday, September 11
Beginning Internet	Thursday, September 17
Beginning Email	Friday, September 18
Intermediate Internet	Thursday, September 24
Online Search Strategies	Friday, September 25
Basic Mouse Skills	Thursday, October 1
Reference & Periodical Databases	Friday, October 2
Basic Windows	Thursday, October 8
Basic Word	Friday, October 9
Beginning Internet	Thursday, October 15
Beginning Email	Friday, October 16
Intermediate Internet	Thursday, October 22
Beginning Excel	Friday, October 23
Beginning Power Point	Thursday, October 29
Beginning Publisher	Friday, October 30
Online Search Strategies	Thursday, November 5
Computer Hardware	Friday, November 6
Basic Email	Thursday, November 12
Basic Internet	Friday, November 13



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.

NEWS BRIEFS



LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

The library will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday and Saturday, July 3rd and 4th (Independence Day weekend)
- Monday, September 7th (Labor Day)

BOOK CLUB: "Book Bits," the 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:

- July 1st
- August 5th
- September 2nd

New Young Adult/Public Services Librarian:

The library wishes to welcome Jodi McLaughlin as the new Young Adult/Public Services Librarian. Jodi joined the library in May after spending the last few years in Canada. She will be

busy this summer running the teen programs and looks forward to working with the library staff and patrons.

Memories of Texas City :

The Texas City Museum will be hosting a historical photography exhibition from July 1-31, 2009. The museum is located 409 6th Street North and is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. For more information on this event, please call the museum at (409) 643-5799.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: AMERICAN MEMORY

www.memory.loc.gov

The Fourth of July, Labor Day and Patriot Day will be acknowledged during this library quarter. The United States has a rich, diverse history, which has been well documented by the Library of Congress with the digital project. American Memory was established in 1990 to develop an extensive digital record of American history and creativity. American Memory is a free online database featuring written and spoken word, sound recordings, still and moving images, prints, maps, sheet music, pamphlets, and other information materials. Currently there are over

9 million items and documents available for view. The collection is searchable by topic, location, and time period. Whether you want to examine original documents from the First Continental Congress or view videos recreating dance instruction from a sizable collection of turn-of-the-century dance instruction manuals, American Memory is accessible for history and Americana enthusiasts and students working on school projects. In addition to materials, the individual collections include background and contextual information, which

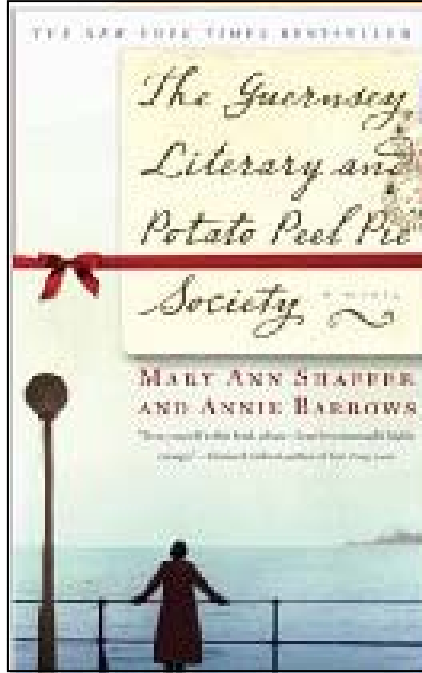


broadens the scope of research. Images of many of the materials in the collection may be downloaded. Overall, the rich resources contained within American Memory will guarantee hours of browsing and learning.

Fall Preview

TEXAS CITY READS 2009

As previously announced, we will be continuing our annual Texas City Reads program this September with the book *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.



The novel is set in London, just after the end of World War II. The war is over, but the city still hasn't recovered from the bombings and the privations of the war years. The main character, Juliet, is a single author who has found a niche writing books that attempt to find "the sunny side" of the war and its aftermath.

Juliet finds herself casting about for the topic of her next book, and unexpectedly finds it when she receives a letter from an unknown man from Guernsey, who came across her name and address in a used book. Guernsey is one of the English Channel Islands, which were the only British territory occupied by the Germans during World War II. Juliet is moved to continue her correspondence with this man and many of his friends, who comprise the unique book club of the title. Juliet finds herself caught up in the Guernsey Islanders' stories of life under the Nazi occupation and ultimately decides to make a visit there that changes her life.

Told solely through the characters' letters to each other, the novel tackles difficult subject matter without losing sight of the characters' quiet heroism and ability to find humor in unexpected places.

The book discussion on *GLPPPS* will take place on September 15th at 6:30 PM and again on the 21st at 1:00 PM. The library currently holds print and audio copies of the book for those interested in participating in Texas City Reads. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

Texas City Reads Discussion Groups	
Tuesday, September 15	6:30 PM
Monday, September 21	1:00 PM

Save the Date!

Banned Books Week

Banned Book Week will be held during the week of September 26-October 3, 2009. Please visit the library website, www.texascity-library.org, as this week approaches to see how we plan to celebrate your constitutionally protected freedom to read.

Teen Read Week

October 18-24, 2009 is Teen Read Week. This year's theme is *Read Beyond Reality*, and teens are encour-



aged to read books that are out of this world. During this week the library will host events and encourage young adults to explore science fiction and fantasy books and graphic novels. The fall newsletter, available October 1st, will have a detailed program list for this exciting week.

Summer Programming Continued

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Analiese Ramos shows off her colorful collage

unpredictable weather, and the creative, inventive minds of Texans.

Teens have also been participating in a series of workshops, including origami and comic book making. This summer is the first time the library has offered weekly computer and board gaming opportunities for young adults ages 12-18. Gaming

Fridays happen almost every Friday during June and July from 2:00-4:00 in the library's meeting room.

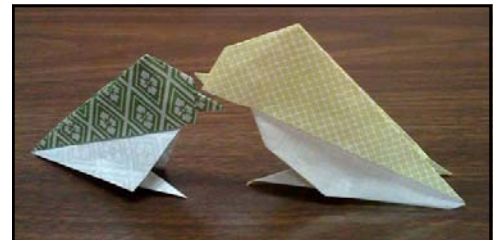
Children, teens, and adults are also currently participating in the Summer Reading Program. For every ten hours of reading, patrons are given an entry form for prize draws. Throughout the summer months participants will have opportunities to win gift cards for Waldenbooks/Borders.

To participate, write down the titles and time you spent reading in one of the reading logs. Reading material can include books, newspapers, magazines in print and electronic form. Listening to audio books may also be logged. The reading logs may be picked up at the Circulation or Reference Desks and in the Children's Department. Patrons are welcome to participate in this program until it ends on August 15, 2009. Reading logs must be submitted by this date.

Remaining programs for children and teens are listed on pages 6 and 7 of the newsletter. Several of these events require tickets, which are available one week before the event occurs.

Patrons are asked to call the Reference Desk with questions: (409) 643-5977.

Sparrows created by young adults at Origami Workshop



Chapter Chums:

Kids Read off Your Fines in July

Children are encouraged to "read off" their fines to teen mentors. The library does not want fines to keep children from reading this summer! Children are encouraged to clear their blocked cards and practice their reading skills with a Chapter Chum. Children up to age twelve can reduce their book fines \$3.00 for every fifteen minutes of reading. The program will run through the month of July.

Please note that this program applies only to book fines and not fines from lost or damaged materials. Children may only read off their own fines, not those of other family members.



Fun Activities Week

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

All Programs will be held in the Walter Holland Meeting Room.
 Tickets required for all events .

Date	Age Group	Event	Time
Land of Amazing Animals			
July 1	Ages 3-5	Story time, crafts	10 AM
July 2	Ages 9-12	Story time, crafts	10 AM
Land of Many Cultures			
July 6	Ages 3-5	Story time, crafts	10 AM
July 7	Ages 6-8	Story time, crafts	10 AM
July 9	Ages 9-12	Story time, crafts	10 AM
July 9	Ages 6-12	Deep in the Heart of Texas	2:30 PM
July 10	Ages 9-12	Computer Camp	10 AM
Land of Legends & Folklore			
July 13	Ages 3-5	Story time, crafts	10 AM
July 14	Ages 6-8	Story time, crafts	10 AM
July 16	Ages 9-12	Story time, crafts	10 AM
July 16	Ages 6-12	Texas City Museum	2:30 PM
Land of Heat (Weather and Food)			
July 20	Ages 3-5	Story time, crafts	10 AM
July 21	Ages 6-8	Story time, crafts	10 AM
July 23	Ages 9-12	Story time, crafts	10 AM
July 23	Ages 6-12	Coastal Animals	2:30 PM
Land of Creativity & Invention			
July 27	Ages 3-5	Story time, crafts	10 AM
July 28	Ages 6-8	Story time, crafts	10 AM
July 30	Ages 9-12	Story time, crafts	10 AM
July 30	Ages 6-12	Coastal Fish	2:30 PM
July 31	Ages 9-12	Computer Camp	10 AM
Land of Dreams & the Future			
Aug 3	Ages 3-5	Story time, crafts	10 AM
Aug 4	Ages 6-8	Story time, crafts	10 AM
Aug 6	Ages 9-12	Story time, crafts	10 AM
Aug 6	Ages 6-12	Bubble Mania!	2:30 PM

Fall Children's Programming



Beginning September

Tuesdays

TODDLERIFIC (Ages 0-2) 10AM

Wednesdays

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (Ages 3-5) 10AM

Volunteer Opportunity for Young Adults

Continues Through July

There is still time for teens to volunteer at the library. Young adults ages 12-18 are eligible to volunteer as a reading mentors to younger children in our Chapter Chums program.

Teen participants can choose to either use their volunteer hours to gain community service credit for school honor societies or college applications, or they can use the volunteer hours to "work off" their library fines. Every 15 minutes spent listening to a child read will take off \$3.00 in library fines. Volunteers working toward service credits will receive a letter from the library documenting their time.

A brief orientation is required to participate. The program runs through the month of July. Teens interested in this program should contact the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977 for additional information.

SUMMER YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS (AGES 12-18)

All Programs will be held in the Walter Holland Meeting Room.



Chris Garza, Darren, Patin, and Michael Sands at Gaming Fridays.

Has the summer heat got you wishing for some indoor activities? Since June the library has been hosting weekly programs and workshops for young adults. Don't worry! Teens haven't missed out on all the fun. There are a few remaining summer programs available for teens, including weekly gaming. Come out and play *Civ IV*, *Worms 2*, *The Lost Crown*, *Dream Chronicles*, and many more.

Teens interested in this program should contact the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977 for additional information.

JULY TEEN PROGRAMMING

Mon. July 13th (Ticketed)	2 PM	Book-making workshop: Bring interesting and/or beautiful pieces of paper or drawings to use as your cover. <i>This is a ticketed event.</i>
Fridays July 10th, 17th, & 24 (Unticketed)	2 PM	Gaming Fridays: Teens ages 12-18 can come to the library to play board games and online games. <i>No tickets are required for these events.</i>

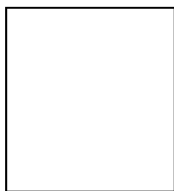
AP SUMMER REQUIRED READING FOR BMS, TCHS, & LHS STUDENTS

BOOK DISCUSSIONS IN AUGUST

We are holding a special Summer Reading Program for AP and Pre-AP students of Texas City and LaMarque Schools. Students in AP classes are allowed to check out their required summer reading books from the library at the Circulation Desk. Discussions will be held for each book to help students better understand the assigned reading. Students who attend the book discussion of their required summer reading material at Moore Library will be allowed to keep the book. Please be sure to bring the book to the discussion.

Blocker Middle School	LaMarque High School	Texas City High School
7th Grade August 10th, 11 A.M.: Shane August 12th, 11 A.M.: Cheaper by the Dozen	9th Grade August 3rd, 1 P.M.: Rebecca	9th Grade August 12th, 1 P.M.: Animal Farm August 13th, 1 P.M.: Anthem
8th Grade August 11th, 11 A.M.: And Then There Were None August 13th, 11 A.M.: Nothing but the Truth	10th Grade August 4th, 1 P.M.: Black Boy August 5th, 1 P.M.: Grapes of Wrath	11th Grade August 13th, 3 P.M.: The Crucible
	11th Grade August 5th, 11 A.M.: Death of a Salesman August 7th, 11 A.M.: Pygmalion	12th Grade August 14th, 11 A.M.: The Joy Luck Club
	12th Grade August 10th, 1 P.M.: Theban Trilogy August 11th, 1 P.M.: Color of Water	

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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.

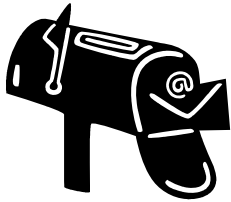
The Friends' dues for calendar year 2009 (Jan. 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2009) are the following:

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please make checks payable to Friends of MMPL.

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Address _____
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Phone _____

- Individual (\$10) ____
- Family (\$25) ____
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- Student (\$5) ____
- Sustaining (\$50) ____
- Valued Friend (\$100) ____
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