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Moore Memorial Public Library Newsletter

TRIUMPH FROM TRAGEDY: HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR CHAJA VERVEER VISITS

Moore Memorial Public Library is honored to have Chaja Verveer visit us to tell her tale of triumph over tragedy. This is a rare opportunity to hear firsthand from a witness of one of history's darkest periods.

Born in the Netherlands in 1941, Verveer went into hiding with her family when she was only a year old. When the non-Jewish family hiding her was betrayed to the Nazis in 1944, she was sent to the Westerbork Transit camp and from there to the



notorious Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany.

Three months later, she and the other displaced children were re-

located to a Czech camp where she survived until the liberation. Though Verveer was reunited with



her mother and three brothers following the war, her father was executed in 1944 for his activities with the Resistance.

Today, Verveer is a business consultant in Houston, where she has lived for over three decades. She also serves on the board of the Holocaust Museum Houston.

The event will be on **Tuesday April 24 at 3:30 PM**. Admission is open to all ages, but seating will be limited. For more information, please call our Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.

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LOST BONES: FIND YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Have you ever been curious about your family history but didn't have a clue where to find any information? Well, this is your chance to find those "lost bones."

On **Thursday, April 26th, from 1:00 to 3:30 PM**, the Texas City Ancestry Searchers will present the class "Lost Bones: How to start your family history."

Attendees will receive a packet of materials, information source lists, and forms, making it easy to start and/or continue your personal search.

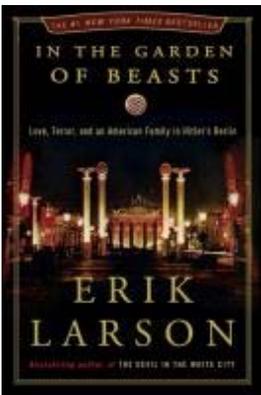
If you are interested in attending this session, please bring any basic family historical information you already have, such as names, birth or death dates/places of ancestors. This information will provide the starting point for your genealogical searches. For more information, please call our Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.



TEXAS CITY READS 2012

Moore Library is pleased to announce our 2012 Texas City Reads book: Erik Larson's *In the Garden of Beasts*. Larson may be familiar to many readers for his 2000 book on Galveston in the Hurricane of 1900, *Isaac's Storm*.

In the Garden of Beasts recounts the experience of William E. Dodd and his family, who moved to Berlin in 1933 after FDR appointed Dodd as the American ambassador to Germany. Dodd himself was a fairly tame personality, but he had one of the hardest jobs around, trying to represent American interests in Germany just as Hitler was coming to power. His daughter Mary, however, made up in spades for her father's conventionality. She was an inveterate flirt and a very opinionated young woman; later in life she became an author and then ended up fleeing the United States after being ac-



cused of spying for the Russians.

Larson does not try to hide the Dodds' shortcomings or prejudices – they didn't seem to be too both-

ered by the rising tide of anti-Semitism in Germany when they first arrived – but he does represent Dodd's admirable refusal to kowtow to the future Fuhrer.

In the Garden of Beasts received excellent reviews and appeared on many best books lists of 2011. The library will have multiple copies available for check-out at the Circulation Desk. We will host discussions of the book in the Holland Meeting Room of the library in September. All are welcome at the discussions. Watch for more details in our summer



APRIL COMPUTER CLASSES

Our computer classes are aimed at beginning to intermediate computer users. All attendees will be pre-screened for skill level before each class. The next set of computer classes will begin next fall. Check with the Reference Department beginning in August for the fall computer class schedule.

Basic Publisher	Thursday, April 5	10 AM
Basic Email	Thursday, April 12	10 AM
Intermediate Internet	Friday, April 13	10 AM



Librarian Vivi shows Vera Bell-Gary the ropes

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 AM** 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.

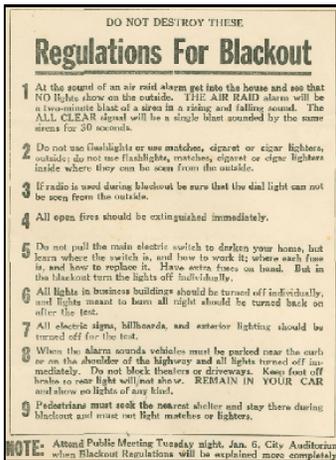
For more information, please contact the Reference Desk at the library, 409-643-5977.

VOICES FROM THE PAST: TEXAS CITY ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

As part of the 70th anniversary remembrance of World War II, Moore Memorial Library is undertaking a special oral history project to document what life was like for Texas City residents during World War II. To help gather this information, Moore librarians will be interviewing, recording and videotaping Texas City residents who would like to share their memories of this time period.



Texas City Auxiliary Unit, American Red Cross



Interviews are scheduled to begin the last week in March and are expected to continue for several months.

The knowledge and historical information gained through these interviews will be preserved electronically

and in print for the Moore Memorial Historical Archives, and may become part of future displays, exhibits and online archival presentations.

If you or someone you know was a resident of Texas City during the period of 1941 to 1945 and would like to share your memories or answer historical questions regarding life in Texas City during this time period, please contact the library at 409-643-5970 or 409-643-5977.

TAX DAY 2012 – GET READY!

Tax day is **April 17th**. Are you ready? The IRS will no longer mail tax forms automatically. People will need to either file their taxes online, call the IRS to request forms, or print forms from the



IRS website. The IRS has made all tax forms, instruction booklets and publications available through its website,

www.irs.gov.

Moore Memorial Reference staff are ready and waiting to help patrons find and print forms and instructions from the IRS website.



Please bring the tax number of the form or instructions publication needed to the library, and library staff will assist you in accessing and printing what you need. Printing charges are \$.10 per page.

NEWS BRIEFS

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

Easter- The library will be closed **Friday and Saturday, April 6th and 7th**. Reopen Monday April 9th at 9 AM.

Memorial Day- The library will be closed **Monday, May 28th**. Reopen Tuesday May 29th at 9 AM.

BOOK CLUB: “Book Bits,” the book club 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 favorites, discuss controversial titles, compare favorite authors and more. The group will meet on:

- April 4th
- May 2nd

SUMMER PROGRAMS

GET YOUR SUMMER PROGRAM TICKETS

This summer the hottest ticket in town is to the library! MMPL will have great programs for kids, teens, and InbeTweens!

Except for the events on June 1-4 and our Board Game Fridays, all Children's and Young Adult summer programs require tickets for entry. Tickets are FREE and will be available one week prior to the program. Simply pick up your free tickets for



Christopher's work of art

any children's or InbeTweens events at the Children's Reference Desk one week before any event you want to attend. All teen tickets can be picked up at the adult Reference Desk in the center of the library one week before events.

First week tickets will be



Mika gets creative at library programs!

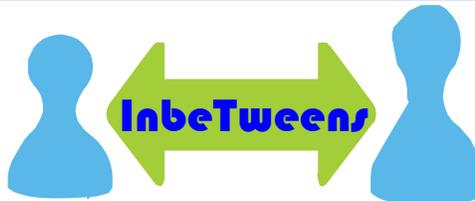
available on **June 1st** on a first come, first served basis until the programs are filled. Then a waiting list will be started. Right before the show starts at the designated time, spaces for ticket holders who have not shown up will be given to those on the waiting list, in order of sign up. If there is more room

available after the waiting list is called, people waiting at the door will be admitted until the program is filled.

After the program starts, no one will be admitted. Due to space limitations we cannot accommodate groups larger than five people. All dates for children's events can be seen on page 5, and InbeTweens events are listed below. If you have any questions about our children's events, please call the Children's Librarian at (409) 643-5966. If you want to know more about teen events you can see the dates on page 7, and call our Teen Librarian at (409) 949-3008.

InbeTweens: New Programs Just for You!

InbeTweens is an educational and seriously fun summer program series designed just for 9-12 year olds. We will learn the ancient art of origami, solve crimes with forensic science, mold art with our own hands, learn how to trick people's brains, and



much more.

All programs will be **Thursdays at 10 AM**. All programs require a FREE ticket for admission.

You can pick up your FREE ticket a week in advance at the Children's Reference

June 7: **Origami**

June 14: **Where on the Planet is Carmine San Francisco?**

June 21: **Manga T-Shirts**

June 28: **Game Show**

July 5: **Mosaic Magic**

July 12: **Free Form Sculpture**

July 19: **CSI Time**

July 26: **Minute to Win It**

August 2: **Brain Busters**

SUMMER PREVIEW: CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

All Programs will be held in the Walter Holland Meeting Room. Tickets required for all events except from May 31-June 3.

MAY 29– JUNE 1 FUN CRAFT ACTIVITY Each Day at 10AM

I'M A KID DETECTIVE

JUNE 4	Ages 3-5	Child Detective stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 5	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 6	Ages 3-5	Child Detective stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 8	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	

A WORLD PASSPORT

JUNE 11	Ages 3-5	World Traveling stories, crafts, activities.	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 12	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 13	Ages 3-5	World Traveling stories, crafts, activities.	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 15	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	

I SPY!

JUNE 18	Ages 3-5	Spy stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 19	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 20	Ages 3-5	Spy stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 22	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	

NATURALLY MYSTERIOUS

JUNE 25	Ages 3-5	Nature Mystery stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 26	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 27	Ages 3-5	Nature Mystery stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 29	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	

WHO'S BEEN READING HERE?

JULY 2	Ages 3-5	Fairy Tales with a Twist, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 3	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 4		Closed for Holiday		
JULY 6	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	

WHAT DO I NOTICE?

JULY 9	Ages 3-5	Noticing stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 10	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 13	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	

I KNOW A SECRET!

JULY 16	Ages 3-5	Secrets & Surprises stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 17	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 20	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	

ANIMAL DETECTIVES

JULY 23	Ages 3-5	Animal Detective stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 24	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 27	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	

CLUES TO THE PAST

JULY 30	Ages 3-5	Historical stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 31	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM	Ticketed
AUG 3	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	

THURSDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

JUNE 7	Ages 3-12	Fun with Origami	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JUNE 14	Ages 3-12	Where in the World...?	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JUNE 21	Ages 3-12	Gymopoly	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JUNE 28	Ages 3-12	Look to the Stars	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JULY 5	Ages 3-12	Mystery, Mystery	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JULY 12	Ages 3-12	Twist, Stretch, Create!	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JULY 19	Ages 3-12	Forensic Files	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JULY 26	Ages 3-12	Minute to Win It	2:30 PM	Ticketed
AUG 2	Ages 3-12	Care Cards for Seniors	2:30 PM	Ticketed

SUMMER READING

REWARD YOURSELF FOR READING

Are you ready to read? Because at Moore Library, your summer reading pays off!

The library launches its summer programming for children, teens, and adults on **June 1st, 2012**. During the summer hundreds of library patrons participate in individual reading programs. At MMPL we want to encourage our entire community to read and read often. We want our programs to spark a love of reading that will last a lifetime.



Aiden is ready for Summer Reading!

Teens and adults will receive a raffle ticket for every 10 hours they read. The more you read, the better your chance to win. Drawings for gift cards will take place at the end of the summer after the

August 10th deadline



Jennifer Villareal checking out our magazines. They count for Summer Reading too!

other prize. Kids 3-5 can have 40 stories read to them and kids age 6-8 will read their own stories. Kids age 9-12 will get a book prize for every 10 hours they read. The more hours you read, the more books you receive. Eligible reading can include magazines, books, internet articles, and

This summer we want everyone in the family reading, so we've got rewards for all age groups. Kids age 3-8 who read 40 stories by **August 10th** get to choose a free book from our book prize box. Kids who read an additional 40 stories will get an

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to turn in your logs. Eligible reading includes magazines, books, internet articles, and audiobooks. You'll be amazed how quickly the hours stack up when you start counting them.

Adult and teen reading logs can be picked up at the Reference Desk, and children's reading logs can be picked up at the Children's Reference Desk. If you have any questions about our



Tavien knows: internet articles count too!

S u m m e r Reading programs, please call our Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.

SUMMER PREVIEW: TEEN PROGRAMS (AGES 12-18)

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

Special Programs:

Wed. June 6th (Ticketed) 2 PM



Learn the ancient paper art of origami!



Wed. June 20th (Ticketed) 2 PM



Make your own Manga T-shirt! Shirts and art supplies provided.

Wed. July 11th (Ticketed) 2 PM



Bring out your inner artist and sculpt away!

Wed. July 25th (Ticketed) 2 PM



Compete in super fun 60 second games for chances to win prizes!



Board Games You've NEVER Played: On Fridays from **June 1st through August 10th**, we will be hosting gaming afternoons at the library in the Holland Meeting Room from **2-5 PM**.

Teens ages 12-18 can come to the library to play board games, strategy games, and card games like you've NEVER played before. We have selected fun, award-winning games that are totally unlike any board games you've ever played! We have:

Dixit: Can you guess the story in the cards? A truly unique game of imagination.

Dominion: Use your cards to build your resources and dominate!

Fluxx: a fast-paced card game in which the rules are always in flux

Munchkin: use cards to create your own bizarre heroes and battle monsters. We now have Munchkin, Munchkin Bites (vampires, werewolves, and changelings), and Munchkin Fu (ninjas, samurai, yakuza, and monks).

Forbidden Island: a cooperative game of treasure hunting on an ever-sinking island

Fresco: Be the ultimate painter in this unique strategy game

Settlers of Catan: an award-winning strategy game of conquest through building

Want something more traditional? Play a rousing round of chess or the ancient strategy game Go. We also have the party games like **Apples to Apples**, **Cranium**, and **Scattergories** as well as all classic board games like **Monopoly**, **Scrabble**, **Sorry**, and more.

Gaming Friday Dates	
Fri. June 1st	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. June 8th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. June 15th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. June 22nd	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. June 29th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. July 6th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. July 13th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. July 20th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. July 27th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. Aug. 3rd	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. Aug. 10th	2 PM-5 PM

TEENS: WANT TO VOLUNTEER? BE A CHAPTER CHUM, TECH TEEN, OR TECH TEEN TUTOR

We are looking for teens willing to extend a helping hand to younger readers this summer. Young adults ages 12-18 are eligible to volunteer as a reading mentor to younger children in our Chapter Chum program. Teen participants can choose to either use their volunteer hours to gain community service credit for honor societies or college applications, or they can use the volunteer hours to “work off” their library fines. Teens interested in this program should contact the Reference Desk at (409)643-5977.

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 eleven can reduce their book fines \$3.00 for every fifteen minutes of reading. *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.*

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1701 9th Avenue North
Texas City, Texas 77590

Become a Friend of Moore Memorial Library

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.

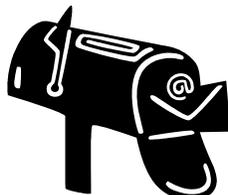
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please make checks payable to Friends of MMPL.

Name _____
Address _____
City/State Zip _____
Phone _____

The Friends' dues for calendar year 2012 (Jan. 1, 2012 through Dec. 31, 2012) 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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