



MOORE TIMES

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Moore Memorial Public Library Newsletter

WE'RE WHERE IT'S APP

Soon you'll be able to see what the library has when you're on the go!

The library will be getting a free mobile app called BookMyne. You'll get all the convenience of our catalog – seeing what we've got in our collection, putting things on hold, renewing your materials – and much more.

Got an iPhone, iPod Touch or iPad? An Android smartphone or tablet? Then you'll be able to access our online catalog via BookMyne. Through the app, you can check our hours, our location and your account. Using GPS, BookMyne also lets you find the nearest library in its network (not all libraries are on BookMyne) and immediately search that library's catalog.

BookMyne has several other great features. You can snap a picture of a book's barcode and check if it's available at Moore Library. You can also get reading recommendations in Bookmyne from the social read-



Michael Rodriguez practices with his smart phone

ing site Goodreads (visit Goodreads.com to get an account) as well as browse the New York Times bestseller lists. From there, you can immediately check our catalog and place holds on titles you like. You can also email yourself information from the catalog or create lists.

Stay tuned! Watch our website and Facebook page for the BookMyne roll-out date.



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WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

Very sincere THANK YOU to the Friends of Moore Memorial Library! The Friends use a combination of fundraising and membership fees to help the library with additional purchases.

In the past they have purchased books for our Summer Reading Program, books for seniors in assisted living, extra audiobooks, children's materials, and large print books for the library.

Most recently the Friends have purchased new shelving for our audiobooks and fiction books. These shelves will be up soon and make it even easier to browse our growing collection.

If you are interested in becoming a Friend of Moore Memorial Library, see our back page for a membership form and dues information.

ONLINE EXHIBITS FROM MMPL

To make Texas City's local history resources more accessible to patrons near and far, Moore Memorial Public Library has mounted several online exhibits showcasing Texas City history.

Patrons can use the internet to access photos, maps, documents, and other artifacts dating from the early settlement of Texas City up to the modern day.



We have redesigned and updated the exhibit **1947 Texas City Disaster**, located at <http://www.texascity-library.org/disaster/index.php>, which chronicles the worst industrial disaster

in American history. It is a look at the tragedy as it unfolded, its aftermath, and how it changed U.S. response to disasters forever.

Texas City: 100 Years, located at <http://texascity-library.org/TCH/index.html>, provides an overview of a century of Texas City history through maps, timelines, and a trove of photos that offer a firsthand look at our



namesake, **Helen Edmunds Moore**, provides a glimpse into the life of a woman who was instrumental in shaping the development of the city of Texas City and who worked to better the lives of many Texans across the state. The **Helen Moore Exhibit** can be accessed at: <http://texascity-library.org/HMooreExhibit/HelenMoore.htm>.



All of these exhibits, in addition to a link to hundreds of historical photos of Texas City digitized from the library's archives, are available through the Moore Memorial Public Library website. Please visit us at www.texascity-library.org and look for "Local history exhibits" under our Featured Links.

APRIL COMPUTER CLASSES

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. Check with the Reference Department beginning in August for the fall computer class schedule.

Basic Publisher	Thursday, April 4	10 AM
Basic Excel	Friday, April 5	10 AM
Basic PowerPoint	Thursday, April 11	10 AM



Bryan shows a patron how to use Windows.

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 9:50 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 (409) 643-5977.

WEBSITE REVIEW: ALL ABOUT BIRDS WITH ALLABOUTBIRDS.ORG



Developed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, www.allaboutbirds.org has everything a hard-core birder or a total avian amateur could need.

The site has an expansive and easy to use bird guide that makes identifying birds a snap and gives a wealth of knowledge about each bird.

Get your bird-calls and binoculars ready! There is a one stop spot for all your bird watching needs!

The guide covers habitat, physical characteristics, diet, and audio files of actual bird cries for every type of bird. The knowledge base is detailed but always written in clear and easy to understand language.



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Watch videos about bird watching at Birding Basics, learn to identify calls, find birds, and take photos. The site also has loads of current articles about birds and bird watching, user submitted photos and videos, and several live cams to watch birds in real time. So head to www.allaboutbirds.org to discover the wonder of the natural world that surrounds us even in our own backyard.

LOST BONES: FIND YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

On Wednesday, April 10th at 1:00 PM, in the Holland Meeting room, the Texas City Ancestry Searchers will present the class “Lost Bones: How to start your family history.” The Ancestry Searchers will host a program on how to use the 1850-1880 U.S. Census with Family Search and Ancestry.com.

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.



TAX DAY 2013 – BE READY!

Tax day is April 15th. Are you ready? 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:



Memorial Day- The library will be closed Monday, May 27th. Reopen Tuesday May 28th 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:



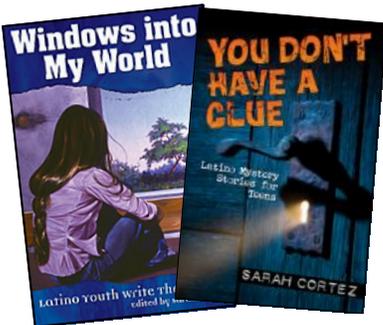
- April 3rd
- May 1st
- June 5th

SUMMER PROGRAMS

TEEN WRITING WORKSHOP

Every teen has a voice and every teen should have a way to express that voice. This summer the Moore Library is proud to host a writing workshop that helps teens find their voice and put it on paper.

Sarah Cortez, editor of *You Don't Have a Clue* and *Windows into My World: Latino Youth Write their Lives*, will join us to talk to teens about how to start writing and how to keep writing. In addition to visiting schools and giving workshops for teen writers, Sarah Cortez is also a creative writing teacher at the



University of Houston, a poet, and police officer! This workshop will focus on writing paranormal and fantasy fiction, so if you are a teen or know a teen

that likes anything magical from angels to zombies, then this is a can't miss event.

All attendees will also receive a FREE travel writing journal to get their writing started! This event is



for teens 12-18 years old only. The program will be **Wednesday, June 26th at 2 PM** in the Holland Meeting Room. This is a ticketed event, so make sure to pick up your free ticket starting Wednesday, June 13th at the Reference Desk. For more information about this event or any teen program, call our YA Reference Librarian at (409) 949-3008 or email him at lalvey@texas-city-tx.org.

InbeTweens: New Programs Just for You!

InbeTweens is an educational and seriously fun summer program series designed just for 9-12 year olds.

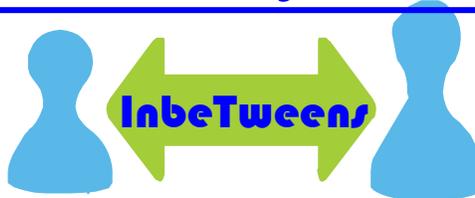
We will learn to become mad scientists and writers, make art out of soap, crafts out of duct tape, and much more.

June 13: Brain Busters

June 20: Creating Stories (Plus get a FREE notebook to decorate!!!)

June 27: Game Show

July 11: Bar Soap Sculpting



All programs will be **Thursdays at 10 AM**. All programs will be held in the Holland Meeting Room. Door opens 5 minutes

before program begins and will remain open until the start of program. Space is limited.

July 18: Duct Tape Crafts

July 25: Mad Science (Make Your Own Slime)

August 1: Minute to Win it

August 8: Make a Marshmallow Catapult



SUMMER PREVIEW: CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

No tickets required to attend any of the summer programs. All programs will be held in the Holland Meeting Room. Door opens 5 minutes before program begins and will remain open until the start of program. Space is limited.

MAY 28 – JUNE 7 FUN ACTIVITY Each Weekday at 10AM

WEEK 1

JUNE 10	Ages 6-12	Legos	2PM
JUNE 11	Ages 3-5	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM OR 2 PM (same program both times)
JUNE 12	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM
JUNE 13	Ages 9-12	Brain Busters	10 AM
JUNE 13	Ages 3-8	Painting without a brush	2 PM

WEEK 2

JUNE 18	Ages 3-5	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM OR 2 PM (same program both times)
JUNE 19	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM
JUNE 20	Ages 9-12	Decorate your own notebook	10 AM
JUNE 20	Ages 3-8	Create your own book	2 PM

WEEK 3

JUNE 24	Ages 6-12	Legos	2PM
JUNE 25	Ages 3-5	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM OR 2 PM (same program both times)
JUNE 26	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM
JUNE 27	Ages 9-12	Game Show	10 AM
JUNE 27	Ages 3-8	Drinking straw rocket	2 PM

WEEK 4

JULY 2	Ages 3-5	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM
JULY 3	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM
JULY 4	Ages 9-12	No Program	Closed
JULY 4	Ages 3-8	No Program	Closed



WEEK 5

JULY 8	Ages 6-12	Legos	2PM
JULY 9	Ages 3-5	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM
JULY 10	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM
JULY 11	Ages 9-12	Sculpting using a bar of soap	10 AM
JULY 11	Ages 3-8	Marbleized shaving cream painting	2 PM

WEEK 6

JULY 16	Ages 3-5	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM
JULY 17	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM
JULY 18	Ages 9-12	Duct tape craft	10 AM
JULY 18	Ages 3-8	Art Challenge	2 PM

WEEK 7

JULY 22	Ages 6-12	Legos	2PM
JULY 23	Ages 3-5	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM
JULY 24	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM
JULY 25	Ages 9-12	Mad Science/Make your own slime	10 AM
JULY 25	Ages 3-8	Mad Science/Make your own slime	2 PM

WEEK 8

JULY 30	Ages 3-5	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM
JULY 31	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM
AUG 1	Ages 9-12	Minute to Win It	10 AM
AUG 1	Ages 3-8	Mosaics	2 PM

WEEK 9

AUG 5	Ages 6-12	Legos	2PM
AUG 6	Ages 3-5	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM
AUG 7	Ages 6-8	Stories, crafts, activities	10 AM
AUG 8	Ages 9-12	Marshmallow Catapult	10 AM
AUG 8	Ages 3-8	Games	2 PM

SUMMER READING

READING IS REWARDING AT MMPL

Summer is almost here, so that means that Moore Library is the place where it pays to read!

The library launches its summer programming for children, teens, and adults on **June 10th**. During the summer hundreds of library patrons participate in individual reading programs. At MMPL we want our entire community to read and read often. We hope our summer programs will spark a lifetime love of reading.

This summer we want the whole family reading, so we've got rewards for all age groups. We have 2 logs for kids 12 and under: the "Read-to-Me" log for younger children who listen to 40 stories by August 16th and the "Reader" log for older children able to read on their own who read 10 hours by August 16th. For every 40 stories or 10 hours read (depending on which log is used), kids get to choose a book from our prize box. Additional book prizes will be awarded for any additional logs turned in by August 16th, so the more you read, the more books you receive.

Also, teens can complete 7 Library Labors for extra chances to win. The 7 Library Labors are on the back of every reading log. Eligible reading for reading logs for all



Bobbie Beason can keep up with news and her summer reading.

ages can include magazines, books, internet articles, and audiobooks, so count everything you read!

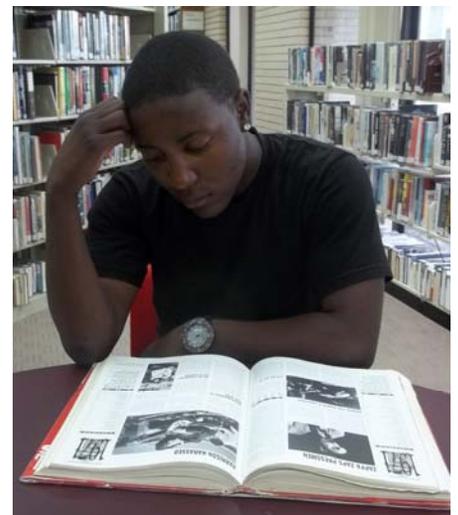
We have brand new summer activities for adults this year. In addition to filling out your summer reading log, we'll have a new fun reading activity.



Eulalia, Maria, Daniela, and Juan are a reading family!

The prize for completing the activity is a free book off of the Friends of the Library Cart. With the exciting *U.S.S. Westfield* exhibit coming to the Texas City Museum, we will have activities about the *Westfield* and the Civil War activity in Galveston County. Finally, we will be starting an "Online Treasure Hunt" to highlight some of the best resources on the web. Drawings for gift cards will take place at the end of the summer after the **August 16th** deadline to turn in your logs.

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. Every finished log turned in adds a circle with your initials to Sir-Read



De'Shawn Lee is ready for summer reading.

-a-Lot. We want this year to be the biggest Sir-Read-a-Lot yet, so get those logs in! If you have any questions about our Summer 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 Holland Meeting Room.

Special Programs:

Wed. June 12th (Ticketed) 2 PM



Get crafty with tape and make awesome FREE wallets, belts, bows, and more

Wed. June 26th (Ticketed) 2 PM



Learn to write fantasy and paranormal fiction with Sarah Cortez, editor of *You Don't Have a Clue* and *Windows into My World: Latino Youth Write their Lives*. All attendees will also receive a FREE writing journal to get their writing started!

Wed. July 17th (Ticketed) 2 PM



Learn how to survive the inevitable Zombie Apocalypse. Play zombie trivia, learn zombie survival, compete in the zombie walk-off, and more.

Wed. July 31st (Ticketed) 2 PM



Compete in super fun 60 second games for chances to win legendary glory and awesome prizes!



Board Games You've NEVER Played: On Fridays from **June 14th through August 9th**, 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 :

Carcassonne: Build your medieval landscape tile by tile to control the greatest resources.

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!

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

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

The Great Dalmuti: Players take their places in the pecking order, from Greater Peon to Greater Dalmuti, and try to ditch the cards in their hands.

Labyrinth: Make your way through an ever shifting maze to get the most

treasure and escape.

Munchkin: use cards to create your own bizarre heroes and battle monsters.

Pandemic: Work together to stop the diseases before all humankind is doomed!

Risk: The classic game of total world domination.

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 **Clue**, **Monopoly**, **Scrabble**, **Sorry**, and more.

Gaming Friday Dates	
Fri. June 14th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. June 21st	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. June 28th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. July 5th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. July 12th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. July 19th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. July 26th	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. Aug. 2nd	2 PM-5 PM
Fri. Aug. 9th	2 PM-5 PM

TEENS: WANT TO VOLUNTEER? BE A VOLUNTEEN!

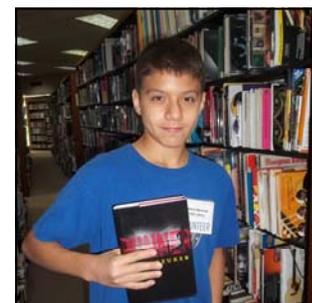
We are looking for a few good teens! If you want to help your library this summer and you are a teen (ages 12-18), you can be a VolunTeen.

As a VolunTeen you listen to young readers (Chapter Chums) practice reading out loud, so they keep up their reading skills and reduce their overdue fines. VolunTeens will also help keep the library neat, keep the YP FIC organized, shelve DVDs, make book lists, and more! We will also have Tech Teen photographers that take pictures for MMPL.

With this volunteer time, you can either "work" off your fines* (at a rate of \$3 per 15 minutes) or gain volunteer service credit for colleges—we will document your service.

Children of reading age to 11 can "read off" their fines (at a rate of \$3 per 15 minutes) to a VolunTeen as well. We don't want fines keeping kids or teens from reading this summer! **For more information, ask the Reference Desk or call the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.**

**Please note that this program applies only to overdue fines and not fines from lost or damaged materials. Participants may only work off their own fines, not those of other family members.*



Last year's VolunTeen with the most volunteer hours and his book prize.

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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 2013 (Jan. 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2013) 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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