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MOORE TIMES

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Moore Memorial Public Library Newsletter

FALL INTO GREAT PROGRAMS

At Moore Memorial Public Library fall means brand new programs. We strive to provide programs that inspire, educate, and entertain.

Do computers confound and perplex you? Check out our computer classes covering a wide variety of subjects. The full schedule is on page 5. Feeling spooky? You can learn about haunted

houses and ghost hunting in the Gulf at **Southern Paranormal Investigations**. Do you or someone you know need help



This little crafter is all heart!

with an advanced directive? Learn **Everything you Need to Know About Advanced Directives** with UTMB's Dr. Cheryl Vaiani. Find the roots of your family tree with the Texas City Ancestry searchers at **Lost Bones**. We also have a **Duct Tape Crafts** and **Duct**

Tape Crafts Family Edition for everyone to make duct tape



Vivi taught the basics, come back soon for Next Step Knitting!

for details!

For teens we have three fun clubs every month. We have the Teen Advisory Board, Manga club, and Board Games You've Never Played. Turn to page 7 for times, dates, and details.

No matter your age or your interests we hope you'll find something great to learn and do at the library!

creations for the holidays. Find a full schedule of our adult programs on page 2.

For the kids we have our weekly Storytimes to jumpstart the love of reading and get their minds and hands active! Every week there's a new story and a new craft or activity. Check out page 6



Learning the basics of using the internet.

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THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT: HOW THE LIBRARY CAN HELP YOU

The Affordable Care Act (often called Obamacare) is set to roll out many of its key provisions on **October 1st, 2013**. That means that the Health Insurance Marketplace will be open for business. You can learn about your new options on www.healthcare.gov.

You can get insurance if you or your family don't have it or change your current insurance plan. With a Marketplace application, you can learn if you can get lower costs based on your income, compare your coverage options side-by-side, and enroll. You will



also be able to start downloading paper applications after October 1st. Coverage starts as soon as **January 1, 2014**. Open enrollment ends **March 31, 2014**, so time is of the essence.

There are a lot of options to consider, and it can be daunting to navigate a new website, so the library is here to help you! We'll be able to help you search healthcare.gov, download forms, find your options for coverage, and more. You can also call for official help 24/7 at **1-800-318-2596**.

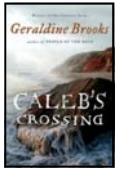
FALL ADULT PROGRAMS

All library programs are FREE to attend. All programs will be held in the Library Meeting Room unless noted otherwise.

Texas City Reads

Join us for a book discussion of the Texas City Reads book *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks.

WHEN: Book Discussion Tuesday, October 1st at 6:30 PM



Fall Gardening

Master Gardener Luke Stripling of Galveston County will be discussing how to get your garden ready for the fall and some great plants to grow during the season.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 8th at 2 PM



Next Step Knitting

For those knitting enthusiasts who attended the Knitting for Beginners class in January or September, this is an intermediary course in knitting, also taught by Vivi.

WHEN: Thursday, October 17th at 3:30 PM



Everything You Need to Know About Advanced Directives

Dr. Cheryl Vaiani, a professor at UTMB, is going to give an overview of Advanced Directives: what they are, how to prepare one, and what they mean.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 22nd at 1:30 PM



Lost Bones: How to Start Your Family History

The Texas City Ancestry Searchers will show you how to search for your Irish, Scottish, and English relatives.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 23rd at 1 PM



Southern Paranormal Investigations

Members of the Southern Paranormal Investigations group will discuss the process of their investigations and the tools that they use when conducting an investigation.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 29th at 6:30 PM



Duct Tape Crafts

Come create interesting pieces out of duct tape (you may also get some great gift ideas). The projects in this session will be a little more complicated and geared toward adults.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 12th at 1:30 PM



USS Westfield Program

Justin Parkhoff, a Graduate Research Assistant at the Conservation Research Laboratory, will give a presentation on the excavation and restoration of the USS Westfield.

WHERE: Texas City Museum, 409 6th St. North

WHEN: Thursday, November 14th at 2 PM



Duct Tape Crafts Family Edition

Come create some interesting pieces out of duct tape. The projects in this session will be a little easier and for ages 8 and up.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 19th at 3:30 PM



MOORE TEENS

For more information about teen events call Luke, our Young Adult Librarian, at (409) 949-3008.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD CELEBRATES BANNED BOOK WEEK



Banned Books Week is the last week in September and is set aside to remind people of the importance of the freedom to choose books. It highlights books that have been or attempted to have been removed from schools and/or libraries. The 1st amendment gives us not only the freedom of speech, but also the freedom to seek and receive infor-

mation privately. Being able to select the book of your choice from a library is a part of your constitutionally protected rights.

We celebrated by having our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) design and make a display of banned books. Our theme this year was **Don't Let Your fREADom be Erased**. The TAB 'blacked out' the book display to resemble top secret and censored documents. It's up to everyone to keep books from being victims. Do your part by checking out a book that has been banned or challenged in the past. For a list of frequently challenged books ask for our bibliography at the reference desk or go to <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks>.

TEEN READ WEEK: READ TO WIN

October 13th-19th is Teen Read Week and Moore Library is ready to celebrate. The theme is 'Seek the Unknown' and focuses on using reading to further lifelong learning. While reading is its own reward, we've decided to make it extra rewarding.



Anyone who reads at least 3 hours during Teen Read week and fills in a Teen Read Week form from the reference desk will win a FREE book from our Friends of the Library book cart. It's a true win-win for teens who read!

UP-COMING TEEN EVENTS

Every month we have several programs for teens like Teen Advisory Board, Manga Club, and Board Games. By being a part of TAB you get leadership experience that looks great on college applications and resumes. It's also a great way to meet new people or hang out with your friends. We'll talk about ways to make the library better for young adults, have a teen-led current events round table, talk about our favorite books, and have a great time doing it. Our next meeting is **Friday, October 4th at 4 PM**.



Manga Self Portraits

Calling all Otaku! The Manga Club is a monthly meeting of manga and anime fanatics. If you are a hardcore fan or just getting started the

Manga Club is the perfect place to meet new otaku, learn more about manga, eat snacks, and have fun. The next Manga Meeting is **Friday, October 11th at 4 PM**.

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 Settlers of Catan, Fluxx, Munchkin, Forbidden Island, Dominion, Labyrinth, Pandemic, and many more. The next meeting is **Friday, October 18th at 3:15PM**.

So no matter what you're into we hope you'll find a group to love at the library!



Picture from Teen Volunteer Ashlie

Kids Zone

For more information about children's events call Lauren, our Children's Librarian, at (409) 643-5966.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Weekly storytimes are back! Plus, we have a special program coming up in January to look forward to. Storytimes help your child build early literacy and social skills that are important for future Kindergarten success.

Toddlerific Storytime for children from ages 1-3 are **Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.** Every week, there will be stories, songs, rhymes, bubble time, and play time. **Preschool Storytime** for ages 3-5 are **Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.** Every week, there will be stories, songs, alphabet learning, and a different fun and educational activity or craft. Three year olds can come to either of the storytimes. For the fall session, storytimes will be every week now through **December 18**. The spring session will be every week **January 7-May 21**.

Looking ahead to the new year, we're excited to be offering a special program **Thursday, January 16th** from **2:00-2:30pm** for ages 1-2 called "Toddler Play & Learn: Creative Winter Fun with Things You Already Have at Home."



An 'egg'cellent job on his craft!

All programs are held in the Walter Holland Meeting Room and are free and open to the public with no ticket or registration required. Due to space limitations, day care groups are normally not allowed. If you have any questions, please call the Children's Department at (409) 643-5966.

EARLY LITERACY AT THE LIBRARY

Early literacy (sometimes called pre-literacy or pre-reading) is what children learn about reading before they actually start reading. Actually, early literacy is already part of the fun you have with your child while you are reading, talking, singing, writing, and playing together. As you spend time on these practices, it stimulates growth in your child's brain and helps build the foundation needed for reading.

We've got a few tips to help when you read to your child. Make sure you are energetic while you read. Act out the different characters by using voices, expressions, and changing the volume of your voice. You can also bring your child into the story by asking them questions or changing the name of a character to their name! Also, hold the book facing your child so they can see the pictures and printed words. Then, follow along the words with your finger. This helps your child connect that those squiggles on the page are actually words! Drop by the Children's Department to talk to Lauren, our children's Librarian, for additional tips.

The library has our own fun (and free!) program called 1000 Books Before Kindergarten that can help you build your child's



Annabella is soaring to new heights with 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!

early literacy skills. It just reached its first anniversary, and we signed up our 100th child for the program!

The program is simple: read 1,000 books to your child before he or she begins Kindergarten. All you have to do is sign up your infant to pre-k age child in the Children's Department. We will give you a folder with a handbook containing all the information about the program, along with your child's log book and first 2 log sheets to record the first 200 books you read together.

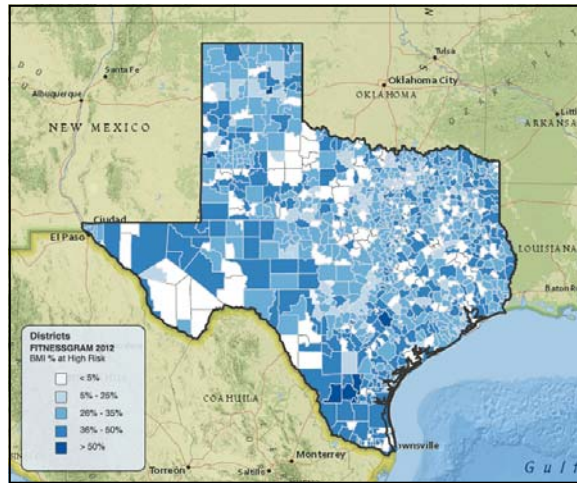
Once you fill your logs, bring them to the Children's Department and you will collect the reward for your child and

get your next log sheets. Once you complete your 10th and final log, you will have read 1,000 books together! To celebrate your child will get a diploma certificate and book prize. Please ask the Children's Department staff if you have questions about the program or want to know more about how to help prepare your child for reading. You can stop by in person or call the Children's Department at 409-643-5966.

THE WEIGHT OF OUR STATE: RESHAPINGTEXAS.ORG

Obesity is no longer just a problem, it's an epidemic. According to the Center for Disease Control obesity has more than doubled in children and tripled in adolescents in the past 30 years. Obesity has serious short-term and long-term health effects and is a huge financial burden on the economy.

To respond to this serious health crisis, the state of Texas has created a website that collects resources and information to understand the scope of the crisis and the possible solutions. Reshapingtexas.org is a one-stop site for everything to do with obesity in Texas. It has a continually updated



Fitnessgram: an interactive map that charts a wide array of obesity statistics

collection of research on obesity and the most successful strategies for combating it in Texas. The

site also has a database of grants and funding for people or groups looking to start their own anti-obesity initiatives in Texas and a collection of online tools that help users personally fight obesity. These include personal online workout tools, nutrition calculators and tools, interactive maps to see obesity 'hot spots', and more. These online tools may be the most useful aspect of the site. They can be a great way to identify ways to

help you or your family make easy fixes to improve your health.

The site can be browsed by region, subject, and (best of all) audience. This makes it easy for users to get to the information and tools tailored to their needs, without having to wade through a sea of information.

It's easy to jump in to get some quick facts or to spend hours using the tools and reading research. Check out <http://reshapingtexas.org> yourself to see all the site has to offer. When you're done, make sure and head to the library reference desk and we'll show you additional books, DVDs, and electronic resources we have at the library.

CHECK OUT OUR GREAT NEW DATABASES!

We have new electronic resources to meet your needs! Our new databases will let you further your education, your career, learn a new hobby, or more. With **LearningExpress Library** you can get assistance for every grade level, college prep help, GED prep, career skill building, occupation practice tests, citizenship help, and much more. It's a one-stop spot for education, self improvement, career help, and more! We also have **Job & Career Accelerator** to help select a career and get resume and interview help.

For all our crafty patrons we have the **Hobbies and Crafts**



Resource Center with articles from leading hobby and craft magazines. If you want to make your home more homey check out the **Home Improvement Resource Center**. It has articles from leading home improvement magazines and online videos.

We also have loads of other helpful databases including legal forms, genealogy tools, car and small engine repair, and much more. Find them all by clicking 'Electronic Resources' at the top of our website, <http://www.texascity-library.org>.

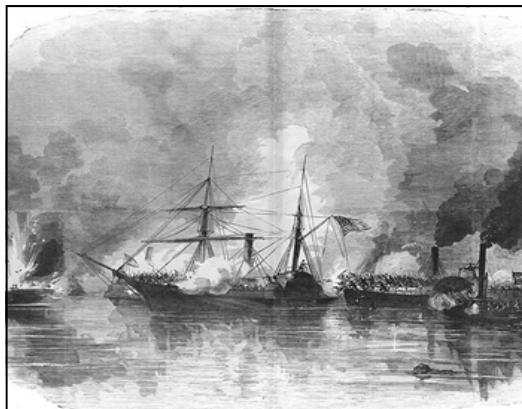
SIR-READ-A-LOT WAS HUNGRY!



Great Work! Sir Read-A-Lot grew to 573 circles, equivalent to 5,730 hours read. A big round of applause to all the people who participated by reading and turning in their reading logs!

LOCAL HISTORY PROGRAM: EXCAVATION OF THE USS WESTFIELD

The Texas City Museum and Moore Memorial Public Library have joined together to look at a fascinating piece of Texas gulf history. The USS Westfield, a refurbished Staten Island ferry, was the flagship of the Union fleet that controlled Galveston harbor from October 4, 1862, to January 1, 1863. This fleet was part of the Union blockade designed to isolate the Confederate states and cut off Southern trade. Its destruction is an amazing story, but so is the



Surprise and capture of the USS "Harriet Lane" by the Confederates under General Magruder and the destruction of the flagship "Westfield" in Galveston Harbor, Texas, January 1st, 1863. NH 59142 : Naval History & Heritage Command

tale of its resurrection.

Justin Parkhoff, a doctoral student handling the preservation project, will give a presentation on the excavation and restoration of the USS Westfield. Join us to learn how history was pulled from the sea and brought back into the present.

The program will be **Thursday, November 14th at 2 PM at the Texas City Museum, 409 6th St. North.**

SERVING SENIORS: SENIOR OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Moore Memorial Public Library is proud to continue our senior citizen programming. Each month librarian Luke Alvey-Henderson and our Public Service Assistant, Kristina Garza, visit 5 senior citizen living centers and the Nessler Center Senior Center Programs. Programs are designed to engage seniors on topics of interest, direct inter-



Congratulations to our Senior Summer Readers!

action, and short games. The goal is to provide entertainment, information, and mental stimulation for our patrons who can't physically visit us.

We've focused this year on "Our Weird World". Each month we looked at the weirdest politics, crime, history, inventions, etc.

This summer we held a Senior Summer Reading Program at the Ashton Parke Care Center and Elmcroft Senior Living. Senior residents kept track of their summer reading and got their pick of a free large print book. These books were generously donated by Friends of Moore Memorial Public Library. Thanks to all the seniors who participated and to the Friends of the Library!

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.



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.

Fall Computer Class Schedule

Computer Class	Date
Online Search Strategies	Thursday, October 3
Windows: Files & Saving	Friday, October 4
Facebook for Beginners	Thursday, October 10
Basic PowerPoint	Friday, October 11
Basic Publisher	Thursday, October 17
Basic Excel	Friday, October 18
Basic Social Networking	Thursday, October 24
Organize and Backup Your Photos	Friday, October 25
Basic Mouse	Thursday, October 31
Blogging for Beginners	Friday, November 1
Basic Internet	Thursday, November 7
Basic Email	Friday, November 8
Basic Word	Thursday, November 14
Intermediate Internet	Friday, November 15
Online Search Strategies	Thursday, November 21
Basic Excel	Friday, November 22

NEWS BRIEFS

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



Thanksgiving- Thursday, November 28th -Saturday, November 30th. *Reopen Monday December 2nd at 9am*



Christmas- Tuesday, December 24-Wednesday, December 25th *Reopen Thursday December 26th at 9am*



New Year's Day- Wednesday January 1st *Reopen Thursday January 2nd at 9am*

BOOK CLUB: Book lovers who enjoy engaging in stimulating conversation about literature are invited to attend Book Bits. Book Bits, a 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 print favorites, discuss controversial titles, compare favorite authors and more. The group will meet on:



- October 2nd
- November 6th
- December 4th