

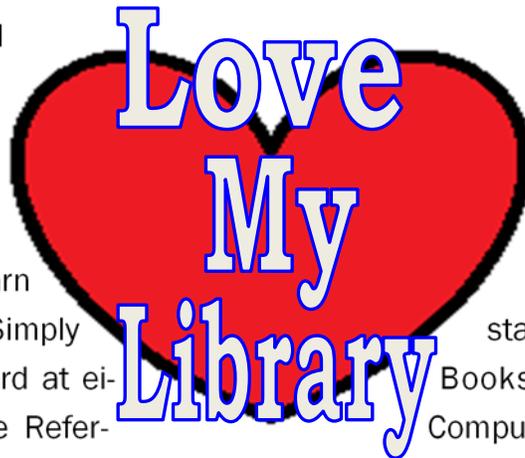


MOORE TIMES

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Moore Memorial Public Library Newsletter

LIBRARY LOVE PAYS OFF!



Start out the New Year and earn prizes just for being a Moore Memorial Library Patron! From **January 2nd through February 28th, 2015**, patrons **age 16 and up** can earn prizes just for using the library. Simply pick up your Love My Library card at either the Circulation Desk or the Refer-

Love My Library Card

DVDs/ Music CDs

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Books/Audiobooks/Magazines

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Computers/Reference/Library Card

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Get yours today!

ence Desk and start earning prizes. You'll get a circle stamped for each time you come to

the library and check out a book, check out library materials, ask a reference question, use a library computer, or get a library card.

Once you have six circles stamped in a section (DVDs/Music, Books/Audiobooks/Magazines, Computers/Reference/Library Card), you win the prize for that category. Each prize

you earn also enters you into a drawing for a free E-reader (only one stamp per day please!). You may earn up to three different prizes, but as many drawing entries as you achieve. It's our way of saying "Thank You," to all our loyal patrons!

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OUR FRIENDS HAVE US SITTING PRETTY

The Friends of the Moore Memorial Public Library have generously gifted us with some much-needed benches. These lovely benches can be found in the lobby area and in our New Books section. They give patrons a place to wait for the bus out of the weather or peruse our new offerings at their leisure.



It's just one of many valuable gifts the Friends of MMPL have given us.

If you want to help the library by supporting the Friends, it's easy! Just buy a book or magazine from our Book

Sale Cart. All proceeds go to the Friends. If you're interested in becoming a Friend, fill out and return the membership form on the back page of this newsletter.

WINTER PROGRAMS

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

Checking Out E-books

We will have one-on-one appointments to show you how to use Overdrive to download ebooks from the library for free. To make a reservation, please call the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977 or visit the Reference Desk in person.

When: Fridays in January from 1- 3 PM

Friday, February 6th from 1- 3 PM

Friday, March 6th from 1- 3 PM



Annual Meeting of the Friends of Moore Memorial Public Library

Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner will give a "State of the Library" speech, and Mayor Matt Doyle will talk about the "State of Texas City." Refreshments will be served.

When: Monday, January 12th at 6 PM



Introduction to Find-A-Grave.com

Presented by Floyd L. (Lanny) Martin, a long time member of the Texas City Ancestry Searchers, this program will be an introduction to the website and all of the great work that the Ancestry Searchers have been doing on the project.

When: Wednesday, January 28th at 1 PM



LEGO Problem-Solving

Kids ages 8-12 will solve a fun and challenging problem using LEGOs. Challenge your mind and stretch your creativity!

When: Saturday, January 31st at 1 PM

Saturday, February 28th at 1 PM

Monday, March 16th at 2 PM



Home Safety

Officer Velasco of the Texas City Police will present some tips on keeping your home safe.

When: To be Announced in January



Protection from Identity Theft

Marisol Rodriguez, from the local AARP office, will be discussing ways to protect yourself and your family from identity theft and its consequences.

When: Tuesday, February 3rd at 2 PM



Valentine's Day Crafts

All ages are welcome to come and create Valentine's Days crafts for your loved ones. Supplies will be available; just bring your imagination and creativity. Children under 8 must be accompanied by someone 14 years or older.

When: Tuesday, February 10th at 3:30 PM



Handling Chronic Illness

A volunteer from the Jesse Tree will present information on ways for better living day-to-day with chronic illnesses.

When: To Be Announced in February



Fixing and Storing Your Digital Photos

We will be holding a computer class on how to store and fix your digital photos. Laptops will be available for use, and we will be using the Windows Live Photo Gallery program and its tools. Space is limited to the first ten patrons.

When: Tuesday March 10th at 6:30 PM



Using Heritage Quest

Our Local History Librarian, Lesley Ragsdale, will present the basics on using the Heritage Quest database to start finding your family's roots. We will provide laptops, but space is limited to the first ten patrons.

When: Tuesday, March 31st at 2 PM



Karankawas in the Bay Area: Culture and Taboo

James Valentino, an adjunct professor for College of the Mainland, Alvin Community College, and San Jacinto College, will be discussing the Karankawa Tribe of Texas.

When: Tuesday, April 7th at 2 PM



THE STATE OF THINGS: FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

Every year the Friends of Moore Memorial Library hold an annual meeting for the public. Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner will give a "State of the Library" speech, and Mayor Matt Doyle will talk about the "State of Texas City."



This is your chance to learn how the library and the city are fairing and what challenges are expected in the year to come. Refreshments will be served. The meeting will be **Monday, January 12th at 6 PM.**

LEARN HOW TO USE YOUR E-READER

Did you get a tablet or e-reader for Christmas? We've got ebooks that can be downloaded to tablets, e-readers, smartphones and computers. Learn how to check out ebooks from our ebook library (<http://mmpl.lib.overdrive.com/>) by making an eBook Appointment with a librarian!



Appointments are for 20-minute slots on **Fridays in January between 1:00 p.m. and 3 PM, Friday, February 6th from 1- 3 PM, and Friday, March 6th from 1- 3 PM.** To make a reservation, please call the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977 or visit the Reference Desk in person.

Our ebook collection has more than 1,000 titles, including children's books, young adult novels and lots of popular fiction and nonfiction.

Please bring your mobile device and any associated cables to the appointment. Kindle owners will need to know their Amazon log-in information (email address and Amazon password).

LOOKING FOR YOUR ROOTS: FIND A GRAVE

Floyd L. "Lanny" Martin will give a presentation on how to use finadagrave.com. Whether you are just starting your genealogy or are deep into researching your family's roots, you will need to know how to get valuable data from grave-stones. Unfortunately, finding them can be difficult. Find out how to do it the easy way and jump start your genealogy search. Lanny Martin is a long time Ancestry Searchers member



and recently received Galveston Historical Foundation's 2014 Sally B. Wallace Award for historic preservation for his extensive research into local cemeteries. He and fellow Ancestry Searcher Melodey Hauch entered over 582 burials with 444 unmarked graves into a database.

The program will be on **Wednesday, January 28th at 1 PM.** For more information, please call the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.

HERITAGEQUEST

Have you ever wondered where you come from? Studying the roots of your family tree can be a rewarding and affirming experience, but it's very hard to know where to begin.



Heritage Quest Online is an genealogy database with 25,000 family and local histories, the complete U.S. Cen-

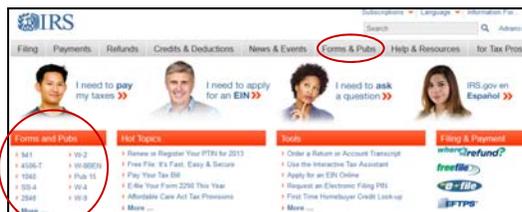
sus from 1790-1930, and much more. Local History Librarian Lesley Ragsdale will show you how to use this database and start your research.

This class will be held on **Tuesday, March 31st at 2 PM.** We will provide laptops, but we are limited to the first 10 attendees. For more information, please call the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.

TAKE ON YOUR TAXES AT THE LIBRARY

The filing deadline for individual tax forms is **Wednesday, April 15th**, which is sooner than it seems! Most 2014 tax forms and instructions

are available for download and printing from the IRS website, www.irs.gov. Help with common tax questions and problems is also available at this site, along



You can go to www.irs.gov for all your forms and publications.

with assistance in filing taxes online for free. After **January 1st**, an individual may request forms by mail through the IRS toll-free number, 1-800-829-3676.

Reference staff are ready 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. Printing charges are \$.10 per page for all black and white printing.



ANCESTRY.COM IS HERE!

Ancestry.com is one of the most popular genealogy research tools online. Now you can have use of this tool at the library.

You'll be able to search over 2 billion birth, marriage, death, and census records to jump start your family history search.



This resource is completely free, but can only be used at library computer workstations. Reference staff will be available to help you get started in using ancestry.com. If you have any questions about accessing this resource, please call the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.

SENIORS LOVE THEIR LIBRARY TOO!

We're having a special program for our patrons living in assisted living facilities! Every senior program patron who fills out a Love My Library reading log between the months of January and February will receive a FREE large print book. The books are being generously donated by our Friends of the Library.

This program is part of our ongoing commitment to serving our patrons



who can't make it to the library.

Every 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 interaction, and short games.

NEWS BRIEFS

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



Martin Luther King Day– We will be closed **Monday, January 19th**. We will reopen Tuesday, January 20th at 9 AM.

One-On-One Computer Training

We are now offering One-on-One computer training. Patrons can register for their own 30 minute session with one of our librarians to learn more about subjects like Microsoft Office programs, email, the Internet, and more. We'll teach basic to intermediate skills. Sessions will be from **January 8–April 24th Thursdays and Fridays between 9-11 AM**. Each day focuses on 1-2 subjects; patrons can choose which issues they want to learn about within those subjects. This will be hands-on training meant to address your individual questions.



Sign-up Procedure: Patrons must register in-person at the Reference Desk. Patrons can register for the next week's session up until the Tuesday before a session. You will not be able to register before or after this period. A librarian will contact you the Wednesday before your class to go over what needs you want addressed in the session. Space is limited so you must cancel 24 hours before your session if you cannot attend. If you miss 2 sessions without cancelling 24 hours in advance, your future attendance will be limited.

Date	Training Subjects
Thursday, January 8	Social Networking
Friday, January 9	Computer Basics
Thursday, January 15	Publisher & PowerPoint
Friday, January 16	Smartphones & Tablets
Thursday, January 22	Internet & Email
Friday, January 23	Online Research
Thursday, January 29	Smartphones & Tablets
Friday, January 30	Word & Excel
Thursday, February 5	Internet & Email
Friday, February 6	Computer Basics
Thursday, February 12	Social Networking
Friday, February 13	Word & Excel
Thursday, February 19	Online Research
Friday, February 20	Smartphones & Tablets
Thursday, February 26	Publisher & PowerPoint
Friday, February 27	Internet & Email
Thursday, March 5	Computer Basics
Friday, March 6	Online Research
Thursday, March 12	Social Networking
Friday, March 13	Smartphones & Tablets
Thursday, March 19	Internet & Email
Friday, March 20	Word & Excel
Thursday, March 26	Publisher & PowerPoint
Friday, March 27	Computer Basics
Thursday, April 9	Social Networking
Friday, April 10	Word & Excel
Thursday, April 23	Publisher & PowerPoint
Friday, April 24	Online Research

Kids Zone

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Weekly storytimes are back! We recently started our fall session of fun and free programs for children from ages 1-5. Storytimes help your child build early literacy and social skills that are important for future kindergarten success.



craft. Three year olds can come to either of the storytimes. It's the caregiver's decision when your 3 year old is ready for preschool storytime. For the winter and spring sessions, storytimes will run from **January 6th through May 27th**.

On **Tuesdays at 10:00 AM** we have **Toddlerific Storytime** for children from ages 1-3. Every week, there will be stories, songs, rhymes, bubble time, and play time. On **Wednesdays at 10:00 AM** is **Preschool Storytime** for ages 3-5. Every week, there will be stories, songs, alphabet learning, and a different fun and educational activity or

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) 643-5983.

BUILDING THE FUTURE ONE BRICK AT A TIME



The Library is the place to be for LEGOS! On **Saturday, January 31st at 1 PM**, we will offer LEGO

Problem Solving again for ages 8-12. This program's purpose is to encourage children to build their creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking, teamwork, and engi-

neering skills. Participants will be prompted with a fun challenge and will build their solution to it. There are no wrong answers and loads of creative solutions!

We will have additional programs on **Saturday, February 28th at 1 PM** and **Monday, March 16th at 2 PM**.

We will provide all LEGOs, so please do not bring your own. Due to space limitations, day care groups can not be accommodated. Please call (409) 643-5983 for more details.

MEET YOUR NEW CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN!

Make sure you stop by our Children's Department to give a warm, "Welcome!" to our new Children's Librarian Carol Hill de Santos.

Carol grew up in the Bay Area and comes back to us after spending 14 years in Louisiana. Carol became a children's librarian because it "is a fun, creative, rewarding and some-



times challenging job." She says her favorite part of being a librarian is watching "toddlers and preschoolers who come to programs evolve into readers and library lovers."

Carol says it's nearly impossible to pick a favorite book but one of her current favorites is *Good boy, Fergus!* by David Shannon because Fergus reminds her so much of her dog. So check it out, and

MOORE TEENS

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

TAB: HAVE FUN HELPING OUT

The Teen Advisory Board is your way to make this library YOUR library. You can help decide on what programs the library offers teens, offer suggestions for improving our collection, design and create displays and decorations for the library, and more.



TAB isn't just a great way to help the library, it also helps you! You earn leadership hours that are a great way to stand out in job applications, college applications, and scholarship applications. TAB is a great way to have fun and meet new people. Also, if you make it to three meetings in a six month period you get a FREE book!

Last month our TAB decorated and signed vintage Christmas cards to deliver to residents of senior living facilities in our senior outreach program. It's a way to give a touch of warmth and love to people who sometimes get left out of the holiday season. It brought plenty of warm smiles and happy thoughts.

Besides, TAB is just plain fun. We chow down on snacks, brainstorm on projects, work on projects, talk about cool stuff going on in the world, and more. TAB is so much fun you'll hardly even notice you are actually working to make the library a better place!

Check us out; TAB meets again on **Friday, January 9th at 4 PM, Friday February 6th at 4 PM, and Friday March 6th at 4 PM.**

UPCOMING TEEN EVENTS

What to do after TAB? We have two more clubs for you every month: Manga Club and Board Game's You've Never Played.

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

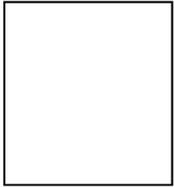
manga, eat snacks, and have fun. The next Manga Meeting is **Friday, January 23rd at 4 PM, Friday February 13th at 4 PM, and Friday March 13th at 4 PM.**



We have selected fun, award-winning games that are totally unlike any board games you've ever played! We have King of Tokyo, Settlers of Catan, Fluxx, Munchkin, Forbidden Island, Dominion, Labyrinth, and many more. The next meeting is **Friday, January 30th at 3:15 PM, Friday February 20th at 3:15 PM, and Friday March 27th at 3:15 PM.** Don't miss this one, because we are having a FREE GAME as a door prize! Just show up to win!



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



Moore Memorial Public Library
 1701 9th Avenue North
 Texas City, Texas 77590

Become a Friend of the Moore Memorial Public 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.

The Friends' dues for calendar year 2015 (Jan. 1, 2015 through Dec. 31, 2015) are the following:

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please make checks payable to Friends of MMPL.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State Zip _____

Phone _____

- Individual (\$10) ____
- Family (\$25) ____
- Senior Citizen 60+(\$5) ____
- Student (\$5) ____
- Sustaining (\$50) ____
- Valued Friend (\$100) ____
- Life Member (\$1,000) ____



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