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LIBRARY EVENT PROMOTES NEW CARD SIGN-UPS



While pencils, pens and paper topped the shopping lists of countless students who returned to school recently, the library has one of the most important school supplies yet—and it's free.

Moore Memorial Public Library is hoping to issue many new library cards during a month-long library card sign-up campaign throughout September, coinciding with the national campaign from the American Library Association.

Each week the library will have bookmarks containing ways to use a library card, and patrons can have their shot at winning a prize in a "guess the book" contest each week where they must

guess what book contained the given phrase or excerpt. The contest will be divided by age groups, one for youth ages 0-12 and one for adults ages 13 and older. Youth prizes will be given in the children's department and adult prizes will be distributed at the reference desk.

"The library is always looking for ways to reach out to the community and remind them of the many resources we have for them at no cost," said Molly Lynch, public services librarian. "A library card can get them access to count-

less books, magazines, music CDs, DVD movies, computers with Internet access and so much more."

To get a library card, patrons must fill out a form at the front desk and show proof of their current Texas mailing address, which could be a driver's license or a utility bill. Children under 14 must also have an adult signature.



Christina Thomas with son Christopher Burton, age 3



Magician Ted Schwank performs during the Summer Reading Club 2004.

LIBRARY TO LAUNCH NEW WEB PAGE

Moore Library is launching its new Web page design this fall with the help of library Webmaster Amelia Chau.

The library's Web address will remain the same at www.texascity-library.org,

but will offer new features including a bulletin of upcoming library events, book lists and more.

Watch for updates! For questions about the online catalog, call the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.

**Coming Soon!
FALL 2004**



TEENS USE NEW STUDY CENTER FOR SCHOOLWORK



TCHS senior Wendy Ramirez

Junior high and high school students have a new place to work on after-school assignments thanks to Moore Memorial Library.

A new study center opened in August to students grades 7 through 12. The library meeting room will serve as the study center and will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. Tables will be set up and basic supplies and a

dictionary and thesaurus also will be on hand for the students to use.

Students needing help with their homework can visit the library reference desk where trained staff can assist in locating materials or find information through state online databases.

Students needing tutoring can sign up for the Wednesday tutorials as described at right.

NHS TUTORIALS

Texas City High School National Honor Society members are on hand Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the meeting room to tutor students grades K-12.

Registration forms are available at the reference desk and must be turned in to the child's school within the Texas City Independent School District.

NEW CHILDREN'S STORYTIME PROGRAMS FOR FALL

Preschool Story time

Begins Sept. 8
Wednesdays
10 a.m. (40 mins)
Meeting Room
Ages 3-5

Stories, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and crafts

Groups of 6 children must make arrangements by calling (409) 643-5966.

Mother Goose Lapsit Program

Sept. 9
10 a.m. (30 mins)
Meeting Room
Infants up to 9 months

Language enrichment program featuring rhymes, stories, songs and games

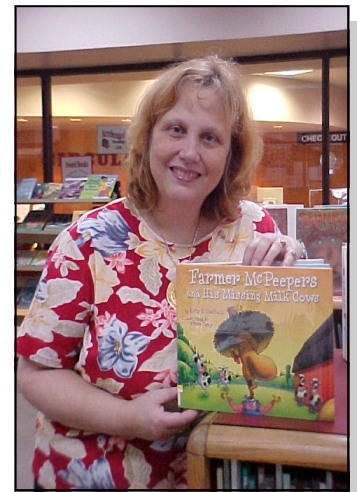
A follow-up lapsit program will be held Oct. 14.

Parents can register for the lapsit program in the children's department at (409) 643-5966.

Bilingual Story time

Nov. 11 (30 mins)
10 a.m.
Meeting Room
Ages 3-5

Finger plays, stories, and songs in English and Spanish.



Children's Librarian Janet Bazemore

NEWS BRIEFS

BOOK SALE: The Friends group is holding its annual book sale Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the library meeting room. A special preview sale for Friends members will be held Nov. 5 from 1 to 6 p.m. Donations of new and used books in good condition are appreciated. Proceeds benefit the library.

SUMMER READING CLUB: The annual summer reading program was a success this summer. In June alone, more than 1,300 children attended programs and more than 16,000 books were checked out.

CHILDREN'S SAFETY FAIR: The library is participating in the annual Children's Safety

Fair at the mall Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The library will have a spin-the-wheel game and give away eyeball prizes to promote eye safety.

NEW MUSIC CDS IN CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT: The library is purchasing children's music CDs to enhance the collection of music in the children's department.

SANTA TO VISIT IN DECEMBER: Santa will visit the library in December. Watch for future updates.



LIBRARY STARTS NEW BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

Moore Library is starting a new book club for adults who would like to share their reading interests.

The group will meet in the meeting room Sept. 21, Oct. 19 and Nov. 16 at 1:30 p.m. There will be no meeting in December, but will resume in January.

This informal group setting is designed to give readers a chance to discuss books they've read, favorite authors, give suggestions for new authors or books to try and to learn of new possibilities in the world of books.

Library staff will do short book talks over a variety of books. Everyone who

attends will have the option to share a book, ask questions, offer comments or simply listen.

No attendance commitment is required and no advance reservation is necessary.

Readers from ANY genre or interest area are welcome!

BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

WHEN: Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 at 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Library meeting room

No meeting in December (will resume in January)

SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS PROMOTE MEMORY

For the last several years, the library has developed and presented interactive programs to seniors both at the City of Texas City Senior Citizens Center and to Hearthstone Independent Care Facility.

The library will continue programs to these facilities during 2004-2005, as well as an additional four programs at the Alzheimer's unit at Danforth

Gardens and 10 programs for Gulf Coast Health Care Center.

Themes include Back to School, Cookery and Family mealtime, Remembering African American lives, and various holiday topics.

The theme-centered programs are designed to stimulate long-term memory that concludes with a review to promote short-term memory.

The library received several grants from the Houston Area Library System to develop these programs specifically for senior citizens.



Carol Ann and Betty Burns dress up for a senior program

TEENS CAN WIN PRIZES DURING TEEN READ WEEK

Teens can win an assortment of cool prizes such as a DVD player just by checking out books during Teen Read Week Oct. 17-23.

The library is taking part in this national campaign to promote reading among teens with a drawing for

prizes for teens (ages 13-19) who check out books throughout that week. Teens can enter their name in the drawing once a day.

Three names will be drawn at the end of the week, and winners will be notified by phone. Teens can

only win one prize.

A display of popular teen books also will be set up to promote the national Teen Read Week campaign.

For more information, call Teen Librarian Molly Lynch at (409) 949-3007.



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 _____

Membership types: Individual (\$5) ___ Family (\$10) ___ Student or Senior (\$2) ___
Business/Organization (\$50) ___ Sustaining (\$25) ___ Valued Friend (\$100) ___