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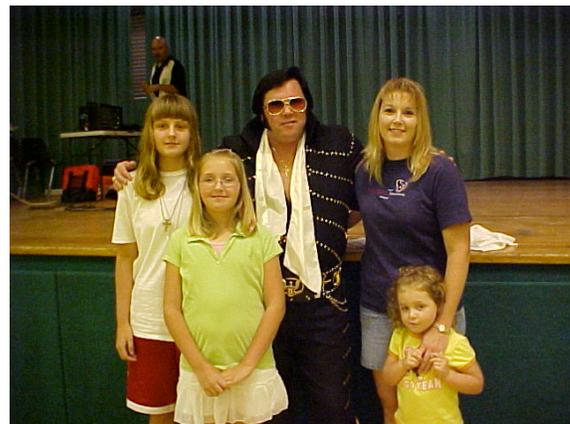
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MOORE MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY KICKS OFF ITS SUMMER READING PROGRAM WITH ELVIS

Patrons at Moore Memorial Public Library traveled back into the 1950's as they attended an Elvis Presley show in the Wings of Heritage Room at the Nessler Center on 1 June 2006. This was the first inter-generational program sponsored by the library and it kicked off the summer reading clubs.

Children of all ages danced to "Proud Mary", "Johnny Be Good", and "All Shook Up"; while others softly hummed or sang with their favorite Elvis songs. Stephen Boado, who performed as Elvis, looks and sings like the "King", and has been performing as Elvis for thirteen years.

One of the grandmothers mentioned that she saw Elvis "live" in Tennessee before he was famous and her granddaughter is just learning some Elvis songs.



Above: Wendy Lummus, along with Kelsey, Presley and Chelsey showed that Elvis Presley and his music has appeal for all ages. The Elvis show kicked off the library's

The library holds about thirty books on Elvis Presley, for those who want to find out more about the "King of Rock and Roll" and has just purchased a number of Elvis movies on DVDs such as "Love Me, Tender", "Girls! Girls! Girls!", "Paradise, Hawaiian Style", "King Creole", "Blue Hawaii", "Viva Las Vegas", and "Jailhouse Rock".

PRE SCHOOL STORY TIME STARTING THIS FALL

Starting Wednesday, September 6 at 10 AM, the Children's Librarian, Janet Bazemore, will have a Story Time for Pre Schoolers ages 3-5. Each week the story time will feature a different letter of the alphabet to enhance early literacy skills. Story times will include songs, fingerplays, action rhymes and crafts. The library regrets that we are unable to accommodate groups that number eight or larger.



Above: Stephen Boado, performing as Elvis, entertained about 120 fans of all ages at the Nessler Center on June 1.

FREE INTERNET AND EMAIL CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY

Friday, August 25 at 10 AM
"Novice/Beginner's Introduction
to Computers"

Friday, September 1 at 10 AM
"Intro. to Computer Operations"

Friday, September 8 at 10 AM
"Working With Email"

Friday, October 27 at 10 AM
"Basic Internet Applications"

Friday, November 3 at 10 AM
"Beginner's Internet Searching"

Friday, November 10 at 10 AM
"Intermediate Internet
Searching"

This August through November Moore Memorial Public Library will offer a series of six separate computer classes. The first class, "Novice/Beginner's Introduction to Computers," will feature computer basics such as turning the computer on and off and practicing with a mouse. "Introduction to Computer Operations" will review the basics and

include an introduction to Microsoft Applications.

The third computer class, "Working With Email" on Sept. 8th covers the basics of Email. During this class participants will obtain their own Email account and practice using their new account.

In "Basic Internet Searching" Friday,

Nov. 3rd participants will learn and practice surfing the World Wide Web.

"Intermediate Internet Searching" on Friday, Nov. 10 will review and expand on effective searching techniques.

All classes begin at 10:00 a.m. at the library and run approximately an hour and a half. Classes are free but space is limited and registration is required.

SUMMER READING CLUBS AT MOORE MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Whether you are basking in the sun by a pool, waiting endlessly in a doctor's office, relaxing on a wonderful vacation, or just cooling off in your own home, summer reading provides a great recreational and informational outlet.

Moore Library offers summer reading clubs for all age levels. Infants and preschool age non-readers can listen to 40 stories

and earn a book prize, to begin their own home book collection. Early readers, in grades kindergarten through second grade, can read 40 books to earn a book prize. (This is so important for early readers to maintain and improve those important reading skills they worked so hard to learn during the last school term). Children in grades 3-6 can join the Texas Reading Club and

read 10 hours to earn a book prize. The library does not limit the number of prizes each child can earn.

Teenagers (age 12-18) and adults (age 19-109) can read for 10 hours for an entry into a drawing for prizes. Reading logs are available in the library for recording titles and reading times.

Children at the library are steadily submitting

names for the bookworm near the circulation desk. Each circle on the body of the worm represents a child, teen, or adult finishing a reading goal. At the end of June, all the suggestions will be reviewed and a name for the bookworm will be declared.

At the end of the summer, library staff will measure the bookworm. Our goal is to make the bookworm longer each summer!

NEWS BRIEFS

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

The library will be closed Tuesday, July 4th to observe Independence Day and Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.

ADULT BOOK CLUB: "Book Bits"

adult book club continues to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. The informal group setting allows readers to

share new & old print favorites, discuss controversial titles, compare favorite authors and more. The group will meet on July 5, August 2, and September 6. Call (409) 643-5970 for more information.

BUILDING UPDATES: If you have been in the library recently you may have noticed less dust on

the shelves. The library had a special cleaning done recently to remove book dust. The library will install new carpeting in the Holland Meeting Room in August and the library's roof has now been replaced and is ready for hurricane season. Thanks to all of our patrons for your patience during this maintenance.

FAFSA APPLICATIONS: The library continues to have FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) applications for the summer of 2006, the fall of 2007, and FAFSA On The Web Worksheets 2006-2007. These forms are for those entering and continuing college and are applying for financial aid.

TEXAS CITY HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS NOW FEATURED ON THE WEB



The Airplane and Crew of 1st Aero Squadron are just one of the many images featured.

Curious about what Texas City used to be like? Take a trip into Texas City's past while sitting at a computer. Historical photographs from the U.S. Army Camp and the 1st Aero Squadron based in Texas City during 1913-1915 are now available online for the first time ever! To see these photographs, just follow these easy steps:

Point your browser to <http://texashistory.unt.edu>

Select Researchers Portal

Type the terms "Texas City" into the search box

Choose Moore Memorial Public Library from the pull-down menu labeled "Institution"

Enjoy the photographs

Digitization of these photographs was planned and performed by the Digital Projects Unit of the University of North Texas Libraries and was made possible by grant funding from the Summerlee Foundation. Moore Memorial Public Library staff selected the photographs to be used and created the metadata to make online access possible.

As of July 1st, approximately 550 historical photographs have been digitized for Moore Memorial Library through the Portal to Texas History grant. The U.S. Army Camp/1st Aero Squadron collection is the first Moore Memorial Library Collection to be released to general public access through the Internet. Other collections in progress are

the 1947 Texas City Disaster and early Texas City history. The Library will release sections of these collections to Internet access through the Portal site as the metadata is completed.

As part of the related Primary Source Adventures project, professional educators working with the UNT staff will utilize historical photographs and other primary sources to develop curriculum materials for students studying Texas History in the 4th and 7th grades. The team is currently developing a Primary Source Adventure based on the 1947 Texas City Disaster.

The library staff is very excited about this opportunity to make valuable, but fragile, historical materials available worldwide. And perhaps some of the persons viewing the collection will have additional historical information that will broaden our knowledge of Texas City in the past. Please call the library at 409-643-5970 or email Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner at esteiner@texas-city-tx.org with any comments or questions about these collections.



23rd Infantry Just Arriving at Texas City featured on The Portal to Texas History Website at <http://texashistory.unt.edu>

FRIENDS DONATE FUNDS FOR CHAIRS AND AV MATERIALS TO THE LIBRARY

Moore Memorial Public would like to thank the Friends of the Library for the funds to purchase much needed chairs. The chairs are a cheerful red and are placed with the two tables on the southwest side of the library in the adult section. For the Children's Section, child sized chairs were purchased in the primary colors red, blue, green and yellow. Many patrons have already enjoyed the chairs while reading or studying.

The Friends also donated funds to purchase extra audio books and DVDs for patrons to enjoy.



Phyllis Clark (left) and Kayla Sam (right) enjoy the new chairs from the Friends.

NICKEL AND DIMED CHOOSEN AS THE NEW GALVESTON COUNTY READS BOOK

The new Galveston County Reads Book for 2007 was officially announced on May 22 on Rosenberg Day. The book is *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By In America* by Bar-

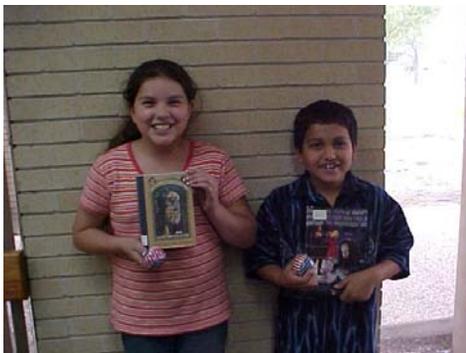
bara Ehrenreich. The nonfiction book chronicles the author leaving her job as a journalist and attempting to survive on \$7 an hour through employment in a series of working class

jobs.

It is expected that the book will generate lots of interesting discussions and provoke people to think about the dilemmas that many Ameri-

cans face while trying to survive in today's working world. Contact the Library and watch our website at (409) 949-3008 for future events in early 2007.

MOORE MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



Veronica Lopez (left) and Rudy Lopez (right) holding their favorite book and their prize for participating in National Library Week.

To celebrate National Library Week (April 2-8) the library offered a puzzle for children, teens and adults where the first line of a well-known book was given and then the patron guessed what book the line belonged

to. Those completing the puzzle received a prize.

The Children's Department had the most participants. Way to go kids! Moore Memorial Public Library has lots of great young readers.



ATTENTION TCHS FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES:

Are you supposed to read any of the following books this summer for school?

- **Animal Farm** by George Orwell
- **Anthem** by Ayn Rand
- **To Kill a Mockingbird** by Harper Lee
- **Of Mice and Men** by John Steinbeck

If the answer is yes, please come to the Circulation Desk in the library to check out your copy. If you attend the book discussion, you get to keep your book for free!

This is an excellent opportunity to prepare for the school year, save money,

and add reading hours to your Summer Reading Club Log.

Please check out your copy now due to limited copies of each book.

The library would like to thank BP for providing the grant funds to help with this project.

Book Discussions

Animal Farm

Tuesday, July 11 @ 2 PM

To Kill a Mockingbird

Tuesday, July 18 @ 2 PM

Anthem

Monday, July 31 @ 2 PM

Of Mice and Men

Tuesday, August 1 @ 2 PM

HIGH SCHOOLERS: NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS FOR COLLEGE OR HONOR SOCIETIES?

During the month of July, Monday through Friday between the hours of 1 and 3 PM, teens can sign up to listen to children read off their fines. All volunteers need to attend a brief

orientation. Call Holly, the Young Adult Librarian, at (409) 949-3008 to schedule an orientation. Teens listening for college or honor societies will receive an official letter from the library verifying volunteer

hours and stating duties at the library. The library regrets that it cannot accommodate persons wishing to make up court ordered community service hours with this program.



SPOTLIGHT ON A BOOK AND WEBSITE

The Portal of Texas History

<http://texashistory.unt.edu>

The University of North Texas is hosting The Portal to Texas History which is a website that consists of collections held in libraries, museums, archives, historical societies, and private collections. Anyone with Internet access can view the many photographs,

maps, documents, letters, and artifacts from Texas history. Texas City's collection is also included in the Portal and more information can be found on page 3 in this issue of Moore Times.

The World is Flat

By Thomas L. Friedman

The World is Flat is an introspective look into the direct and indirect effects of the infor-

mation age. *The World is Flat* describes how the present information age is transforming the globally diverse society of yesterday into a different and more economically level world of today. Displaying the incredible marketability of countries like India, China, and Korea, Friedman illustrates how technology and changing busi-

ness practices have closed the gap between Western culture and nations which, not too long ago, were considered third world. The book also recognizes America's role in the grand scheme of things and examines the impact on closer-to-home issues like business ethics, socio-economic trends, and our current educational system.

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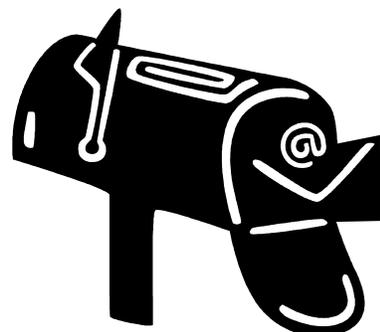


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