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## Texas City Disaster Photos and Lesson Plans Now on the Web

Moore Memorial Public Library has hundreds of photographs relating to the 1947 Texas City Disaster, but most of those photographs are fragile and cannot be safely handled by the many people who would like to look at them. Now many of these photographs are just a few mouse clicks away on the Internet, due to a recent Portal to Texas History grant received by the Library.

Digitization of approximately 350 photographs in the 1947 Texas City Disaster Collection, and development of the database search structure, was performed by the Digital Projects Unit of the University of North Texas Libraries and made possible by grant funding from the Summerlee Foundation. Moore Memorial Library staff selected the photographs to be used and created the metadata to allow the materials to be accessed.

Photographs may be searched by various categories and are viewable in enlarged format.



Above: The ruined Wilson B. Keene listing badly in Main Slip after the 1947 explosions of the Texas City Disaster.

They may be printed for educational use, school reports, and other similar purposes.

To access these photographs, just follow these easy steps:

- Point your browser to <http://texashistory.unt.edu>
- Select **Researcher's Portal**
- Type the word "disaster" into the search box
- Choose **Moore Memorial Public Library** from the pull-down menu labeled "Institution"
- Click **Search**



Above: A nurse in a makeshift hospital comforts a victim of the 1947 Texas City Disaster.

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## DISASTER

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Combining parts of the oral histories taken from Disaster survivors, with photographs from the collection, professional educators and University of North Texas staff have also created lesson plans of the Texas City Disaster for students in 4th and 7th grade Texas history classes. The curriculum units can be shown in the classroom or downloaded and printed in Adobe PDF or Microsoft Word format. They incorporate multiple aspects of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for teaching Texas history, and include links to further information and related websites.

To access these lesson plans:

- Go to <http://texashistory.unt.edu>
- Select **Portal Services for Educators**
- Select **Primary Source Adventures**
- Select **Texas City Disaster**

Moore Memorial staff encourages viewers of the photographs or lesson plans to contact Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner if they have questions, comments or additional information. Call (409) 643-5970 or email [esteiner@texas-city-tx.org](mailto:esteiner@texas-city-tx.org)

## GOOD NEWS FOR GENEALOGY ENTHUSIASTS!



Above: CD ROMs compiled by the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

Moore Memorial Public Library now has extensive genealogical information on Huguenot families, thanks to a generous gift from a local genealogical organization. The Texas City Ancestry Searchers has graciously donated 12 CD-

ROMs, containing 48 volumes of publications of genealogical records, compiled by the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland. The purchase of these materials, part of the Huguenot Society's Quarto Series, was made possible by a

contribution to the Ancestry Searchers by the Huguenot Society of Houston. These materials have been added to the Moore Memorial Library catalog, and are now available for use in the library. Please ask at the Reference Desk.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

The library will be closed on the following dates:

- Nov. 23-25 for Thanksgiving  
Nov. 22 library closes at 6 PM
- Dec. 25-26 for Christmas  
Dec. 18-22 library closes at 6 PM

- Jan. 1 for New Year's 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, com-

pare favorite authors and more.

The group will meet on:

- Oct. 4
- Nov. 1
- Dec. 6

**FAFSA APPLICATIONS:** The library has FAFSA (Free Application

for Federal Student Aid) applications for the fall of 2007 and FAFSA On The Web Worksheets 2006-2007. These forms are for those entering and continuing college, and who are applying for financial aid. They are located across from the Reference Desk.

## TODDLERIFIC STORY TIME

**T**oddlerific Story Time for ages 1-2 will continue through the months of October and November in the Holland Meeting Room at Moore Memorial Public Library. This program is held every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. The Tod-

dlерific program lasts approximately 20 minutes. This language-enrichment program features simple stories, rhymes, songs, and finger plays.

For more information, please call (409) 643-5966.



Above: Toddlers and their grownups enjoy Toddlerific Story Time

Right: Reagan Musick and her grandfather Manuel Garcia get ready for great stories at Toddlerific Story Time.



## PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

**P**reschool Story Time for ages 3-5 will continue through the months of October and November. They are held each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Holland Meeting Room and lasts approximately 40 minutes. Story time features stories, finger plays, action rhymes, songs, crafts, sign language, alphabet, and more. Groups of more than six children need to call and make special accommodations.

For more information, please call (409) 643-5966.

## FREE COMPUTER CLASSES

### Free Computer Classes

#### ***"Basic Internet Applications"***

Friday, October 27 at 10 AM

#### ***"Beginner's Internet Searching"***

Friday, November 3 at 10 AM

#### ***"Intermediate Internet Searching"***

Friday, November 10 at 10 AM

**M**oore Memorial Public Library is offering another series of free Computer Classes. These classes focus on Internet searching and applications and build on skills learned in the basic computer classes the library offered in August and September. All classes begin at 10 AM at the library in the Holland Meeting Room and will run approximately an hour and a half. Classes are free but space is limited and registration is required. To register or for more information please call (409) 643-5977.

## NEW TIME-OUT SOFTWARE ON PUBLIC INTERNET COMPUTERS

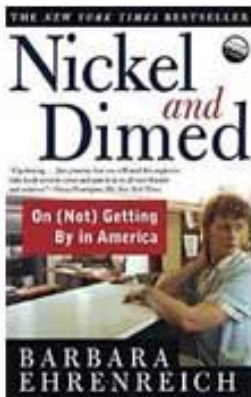
Moore Memorial Public Library now has automatic time-out software. It was installed on all public Internet computers on Monday, August 14. The software displays the maximum time the user has remaining at the top of the computer screen. When the user has three minutes left, a message appears prompting the user to save their work. The computer software does not allow work to be saved on the computer so it is imperative that work be saved on an external device such as a floppy disk, flash drive, and/or a CD. Floppy disks and CDs are available for purchase for \$1.00 at the Reference Desk.

Patron reaction has been mainly positive about the management software because it helps users manage their time and prioritize Internet searching.



Above: The new time-out software displays how much time a user has remaining.

## NICKEL AND DIMED CHOSEN AS THE NEW GALVESTON COUNTY READS BOOK



*Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich is a nonfiction book chronicling the author leav-

ing 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 thought about the dilemmas that many Americans face while trying to survive in to-

day's working world. The library now has 21 copies of the new Galveston County Reads Book for 2007 available for checkout at the Circulation Desk. Moore Memorial Public Library will have their book discussion on Tuesday, January 23 at 7 PM in the Holland Meeting Room. Other events taking place within Gal-

veston County consist of a talk with English professors, a play, and a Community Response. Contact the Library at (409) 949-3008 for more information and check the library's website at <http://www.texascity-library.org> for future events in early 2007.



## HOLIDAY ORIGAMI WORKSHOPS

### Origami Workshops

#### Adults

Tuesday, Nov. 7 @ 10 AM

#### Children Ages 6 and up

Tuesday, Nov. 21 @ 2 PM

Add a little zest to your holiday packages and cards with origami holiday do-dads made by...you! Come have fun and paper fold holiday shapes at the library. Both Origami Workshops will last an hour and

will take place in the Holland Meeting Room. No sign up is required. Workshop is on a first come first served basis.

For more information please call (409) 949-3008.

## NATIONAL TEEN READ WEEK: OCTOBER 16-21

Calling all teens! Come into the library during the week of October 16 through the 21 and enter a drawing to win a free new Young Adult book. No checking books out or logging reading hours required! This year Teen Read Week's theme is Get Active @ Your Library

and Moore Memorial Public Library would like to invite all teens interested in serving on a teen advisory board to come sign up. The advisory board will meet once a month and teens serving on the board will be able recommend Young Adult titles, materials for purchase, and plan programs at Moore Me-

morial Public Library. Teens participating will also receive volunteer hours for National Honor Societies or College Applications.



### SPOTLIGHT ON A BOOK AND WEBSITE

#### **The Handbook of Texas Online**

<http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online>

The Handbook of Texas Online is a multidisciplinary encyclopedia of Texas history, geography, and culture. It comprises more than 23,000 articles on people, places events, historical themes, institutions, and a host of other topic categories. The scope is broad and inclusive, designed to provide readers with concise, authoritative, and accessible

articles that provide factual, nonpartisan accounts of virtually every aspect of Texas history and culture. The Handbook of Texas Online was created by the Texas State Historical Association with the partnership of the College of Liberal Arts and the General Libraries at the University of Texas in Austin.

#### **The White**

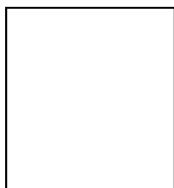
**By Deborah Larsen**

It started out like any other day for ten-year-old pioneer Mary Jemison who was sent to weed the

family's corn field on a hot summer day. But this day became the turning point in her life, as Mary and her family were captured by raiding Shawnee warriors trying to drive the white settlers out of Pennsylvania in the late 1700's. Followed by angry settlers trying to retrieve the captives, only Mary and her brother survived the forced march. Mary was soon sold to two Seneca sisters, who adopted her into their family as a replacement

for a brother killed earlier in the war against the settlers. Over time, Mary was assimilated into Seneca life, married twice and raised a family, but always straddled both worlds, never truly white or Indian. This book is a fictionalized biography of Mary's life, based on actual historical interviews that were conducted with her later in life. It is accurate, touching and thought-provoking, and provides a heart-rending look at the lives of individuals caught between two opposing worlds.

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*Please make checks payable to Friends of MMPL.*

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**The Friends' dues for calendar year 2007 (Jan. 1, 2007 through Dec. 31, 2007) are the following:**

Individual (\$10) \_\_\_\_

Family (\$25) \_\_\_\_

Senior Citizen 60+(\$5) \_\_\_\_

Student (\$5) \_\_\_\_

Sustaining (\$50) \_\_\_\_

Valued Friend (\$100) \_\_\_\_

Life Member (\$1,000) \_\_\_\_

\* Note rate change  
in membership  
prices.

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[achau@texas-city-tx.org](mailto:achau@texas-city-tx.org)



Above: One of Moore Memorial Public Library's littlest readers enjoys a book while her parents use the Internet.