

MOORE TIMES

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LOCAL GENEALOGY EFFORTS: GALVESTON COUNTY CEMETERIES

Several local genealogical clubs including the Texas City, Galveston, League City and Bay Area Genealogy Clubs have joined forces to photograph and document all of the cemeteries in Galveston County for family history research.

Over twenty thousand photographs of headstones have been taken, and there are still many more to go. Volunteers are diligently archiving the information they gather. When headstones have been left

unmarked, volunteers search cemetery and local records to fill in that information.

Many pictures are available online at:

www.rootsweb.com/~txgalves

Access is free of charge. The "Cemeteries" link in the sidebar will take you to a list of local cemeteries. Photos are grouped by cemetery and then alphabetically by last name.

Here in Texas City, volunteers, Melodey M. Hauch, Floyd "Lanny" Martin, Lorena H. Martin, Betty M. Ryman, and Betty H. Dunquez lead these efforts.

Once gathered, this information will help local and national researchers trying to trace family members that once lived in the Galveston County area.



Three local genealogical volunteers, (left to right) Betty Dunquez, Lorena Martin and Betty Ryman, photograph headstones at a family plot on the Bolivar Peninsula where a Confederate Veteran was buried.

Volunteers also help individuals interested in beginning family history work. These volunteers are available at Moore Memorial Library on Wednesdays from 10 AM to noon and again later in the day from 3 PM to 5 PM and on Saturdays from 10 AM until noon. For more information call (409) 643-5977.

CHINA FEATURED AT THE LIBRARY

Continuing an annual tradition, Moore Memorial Library will be featuring a country for the month of January. For January 2008, we will be showcasing China.



Our displays will explore Chinese history, culture, literature, art, cooking, travel, and more.

The Children's Department will host a trivia game about China with small prizes for those who correctly answer questions.

The library will also be decorated with traditional Chinese items.

Come discover China at the Moore Memorial Library!

UPGRADED INTERNET ACCESS!

We are very excited to announce that we can soon offer improved Internet Access. With a new optical fiber network, internet speeds at the library should be six times faster! For those who want to use their laptop at the library, we also now provide a black and white printer for wireless users.

LOAN STAR GRANT

Moore Memorial Library has been awarded \$13,748 under the Loan Star Grant Program for 2007-2008. The Lone Star Libraries Grant was authorized by the Texas State Legislature and awarded to the Texas State Library and Archive Commission for Moore Memorial Library to purchase more than 200 DVDs, 140 audio books, and 100 large print books for library patrons to use. With negotiated discounts, the library expects to be able to stretch these funds to purchase an even higher number of materials in each format. Patrons can already find the initial shipments of these materials on the shelves for checkout and can look forward to many new DVDs, audio books and large print books over the next few months.



NEW GALE LEGAL FORMS DATABASE

Moore Memorial Library is offering a wonderful new resource, the Gale Legal Forms Database.

The database provides forms and examples of forms on a wide variety of

topics. Topics are arranged alphabetically on the homepage. The sidebar also includes the ten most frequently requested topics: bankruptcy, divorce, name change, power of attorney, real estate, sample letters, and wills.

Where appropriate, sample forms and information sheets are included under the topics.

Most forms are available in MS Word and Adobe PDF. Some are available in Word Perfect. Blank spaces, where individuals can write their information, are highlighted.

This database can be accessed from home by signing in to the library website. Please call (409) 643-5977 for questions about remote access.

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES AT MMPL

Moore Memorial Public Library is offering another series of free computer classes. These classes focus on basic computer usage, Internet searching and e-mail. All classes begin at 10 AM at the library in the Holland Meeting Room and run approximately an hour and a half. Classes are free, but space is limited and registration is required for each class. For more information, please call (409) 643-5977. Registration opens three weeks before each class.



Beginner Computer Operations:

Friday, January 11 at 10 AM & February 22 at 10 AM

Are you new to computers? Not sure what a mouse is and what you should do with it? This is the class for you! In Beginner Computer Operations participants will be introduced to various computer hardware and software, become an expert at 'clicking', and learn how to highlight.

Beginner-Intermediate Computer Operations:

Friday, January 18, 2007

Okay, you have "clicking" down and want to do more. Come to this class and learn more about the software on a computer and other keyboard functions.

Beginner Word

Friday, January 25 at 10 AM

No need to still use a typewriter. Come learn how to use the software that enables you to type letters, recipes, reports, resumes, and much more!

Beginner Internet:

Friday, February 1 at 10 AM & February 29 at 10 AM

Do you know how to move a cursor around but just don't know what to do with it or where to go? Beginner Internet will introduce you to navigating the Internet.

Internet Searching:

Friday, February 8 at 10 AM

Yahoo and Google are not the only search engines out there! Learn about other search engines such as Dogpile. Let us also introduce you to the wonderful world of databases!

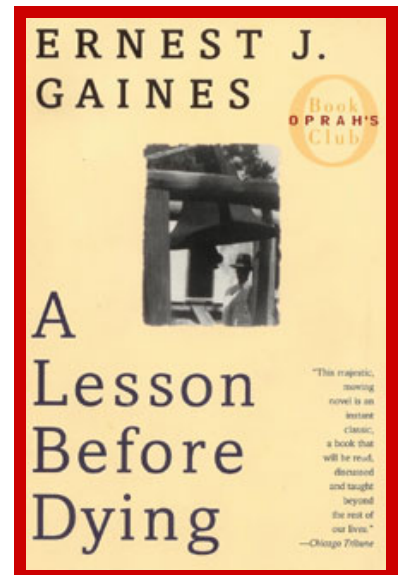
Beginner Email:

Friday, February 15 at 10 AM & March 7 at 10 AM

Come on, jump in on the e-mail craze! Wouldn't it be nice to communicate with friends and family without having to pay long distance phone bills or buy stamps? By the end of this class you will have your own Yahoo! e-mail address and will know how to write, send and check your mail.

GALVESTON COUNTY READS

Ernest J. Gaines' book *A Lesson Before Dying* is the Galveston County Reads book for 2008. Set in a small Louisiana town during the late 1940s, Jefferson is sentenced to death for a crime in which he was not a willing participant. Jefferson's grandmother is determined that Jefferson die with pride and dignity so she seeks the assistance of a man who has returned to the community after obtaining an education. Moore library has 10 copies of *A Lesson Before Dying* available for checkout at the Circulation Desk.



2008 Galveston County Reads Book

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- 1/13/08 *A Lesson Before Dying*. Scene from the play and dialogue. Presented by Ensemble Theatre of Houston. Strand Theatre, 2317 Ships Mechanics Row, Galveston. 2 pm
- 1/22/08 *A Lesson Before Dying*. Film. Rosenberg Library, Randall Rm., 2310 Sealy, Galveston. 6 pm
- 1/29/08 *A Lesson Before Dying*. Three Professors Panel Discussion: Not Your Typical English Class! Presented by Michael Berberich, Steven Curley, and John Gorman. Rosenberg Library, Wortham Auditorium, 2310 Sealy, Galveston. 7 pm
- 2/7/08 Family Dynamics of Black Male Incarceration. Panel discussion with Yoni Benson, Linda Ferguson, Leah Fanuiel, Robert Caraway, Charlie Baldwin, and James Dennis. Facilitated by Jason Glenn. Central Cultural Center Library, 2627 Ave. M, Galveston. Sponsorship and refreshments provided by the UTMB Office of Diversity and International Affairs. 6 – 8 pm
- 3/11/08 *A Lesson Before Dying*: An interactive videoconference with Ernest Gaines. Facilitated by John Gorman. Galveston College, Auditorium FA-207, 4015 Ave. Q, Galveston. Sponsorship and refreshments provided by Galveston College. 7 pm

BOOK DISCUSSIONS:

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| 1/02/08 Mosquito Cafe, 628 14th, Galveston. 7 pm | 2/12/08 Moody Memorial First United Methodist Church, 2803 53rd St. Galveston. Noon |
| 1/08/08 St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1010 35th St., Galveston. 7 pm | 2/13/08 Rosenberg Library- McCullough Rm., 2310 Sealy, Galveston. Noon. |
| 1/10/08 Starbucks, 2808 61st St., Galveston, 5:30 pm | 2/13/08 Midsummer Books, 2309 Ships Mechanics Row, Galveston. 5:30 pm |
| 1/12/08 Moody Memorial First United Methodist Church, 2803 53rd St. Galveston. 10 am | 2/19/08 Friendswood Public Library, 416 South Friendswood Dr., Friendswood. 7 pm |
| 1/19/08 LaMarque Public Library, 1011 Bayou Rd., LaMarque. 9 am | 2/27/08 Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 502 Church St., Galveston. 7 pm |
| 1/23/08 Moore Memorial Public Library. 1701 Ninth Ave. North, Texas City. 7 pm | 3/01/08 Y'a Bon Village Coffeehouse, 2828 Church St., Galveston. 2 pm |
| 1/24/08 Mod Coffee House, 2126 Postoffice St., Galveston. 7 pm | 3/04/08 St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1010 35th St., Galveston. 7 pm |
| 1/30/08 Helen Hall Library, 100 West Walker, League City. 2pm | 3/06/08 Tiki Book Club, Public Safety Bldg, 747 Tiki Dr., Tiki Island. 7 pm |
| 2/05/08 St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1010 35th St., Galveston. 7 pm | |
| 2/11/08 Westminster Presbyterian, 5127 Ave. U, Galveston. 7 pm | |

TEXAS CITY READS 2008

This year, Moore Memorial Library will also host our own reading program. Currently the selection committee is carefully reviewing titles so that we can find a book that both reflects the interests of our community and challenges us. We will have multiple copies of the book available for check out. The official book discussion meeting will be held during the summer of 2008. We can't wait!

IRS TAX FORMS ON THE WEB

This year Moore Memorial Library will receive a very minimal number of free tax forms, but not to worry...almost everything you need is on the web at: www.irs.gov.

- Look on the top left hand side of the screen to see if the name of the form you need is listed.
- If you see the form listed, click on the link and choose “print” to print your form.
- If you do not see the form or instructions you need, click on the “More Forms and Publications” link, choose “Form and Instruction Number”, and scroll down to find your tax form.

The web address for the IRS

Click to find your tax form if not listed above

Patrons can print their tax forms for 10 cents per page. The library will have a computer set aside for tax searching purposes during tax season. Reproducible tax forms will be at the self-service copier to be copied for 10 cents per page.

The IRS has begun a program to consolidate tax assistance locations, and AARP sponsored tax advice will no longer be available in Texas City. However, Texas City residents may visit sites in Galveston or League City. More information about these sites will be available at the library in January.

The library can not provide tax advice, but we can help locate specific tax forms on the IRS web site.



NEWS BRIEFS

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

The library will be closed on the following days:

- Tuesday, Jan. 1st- New Year's Day
- Monday, Jan. 21st- MLK Day
- Friday, March 21st and Saturday, March 22—Easter Holidays

BOOK GROUP: “Book Bits,” the book group 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 Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, Wednesday, Feb. 6th, and Wednesday, March 5th.

NHS TUTORING: The National Honor Society of the Texas City High School will offer free tutoring for students in K-12 grades in the Library meeting room on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 PM, beginning January 9, 2008.

BRAIN AEROBICS: Learn how to ‘keep your wits about you’ with UTMB’s ‘Brain Aerobics: Choose it or Lose it’ Seminar. A representative from the UTMB Senior Services Office will be giving a presentation, providing free information handouts and answering questions on how to develop and maintain your mental capabilities. Thursday, January 17 at 10 AM.

FINANCIAL AID/MONEY FOR COLLEGE: A career coun-

selor and admissions office administrator from the College of the Mainland will be providing valuable grant/scholarship information for students completing high school or adults seeking further education opportunities. Tuesday, February 26 at 4:30 PM.

BELL FAMILY’S HISTORY OF TEXAS CITY/LA MARQUE: The Bell family of La Marque has been here nearly as long as the city itself. Mrs. Vera Bell Gary along with personnel from the Galveston County Historical Commission will conduct a presentation chronicling the inception and continued development of the African-American community on the Mainland. Tuesday, March 11 at 4:30 PM.



CHILDREN’S STORY TIME

Toddlerrific Story Time:

Story Time for toddlers ages 1-2. Toddlerrific story time is held every Tuesday at 10 AM.

Preschool Story Time:

Story Time for preschoolers ages 3-5. Preschool story time is held every Wednesday at 10 AM.

Wednesday, Jan. 2 at 10 AM – Pre-School Story Time: “Letter P”

Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 10 AM – Toddlerrific: “It Tastes Yummy”

Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 10 AM – Pre-School Story Time: “Letter Q”

Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 10 AM – Toddlerrific: “I Can Help”

Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 10 AM – Pre-School Story Time: “Letter R”

Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 10 AM – Toddlerrific: “Wintery Fun”

Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 10 AM – Pre-School Story Time: “Letter S”

Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 10 AM – Toddlerrific: “Good Morning Sunshine”

Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 10 AM – Story Time: “Letter T”

Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 10 AM – Toddlerrific: “Look Out—Body in Motion!” (our bodies)

Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 10 AM – Pre-School Story Time: “Letter U”

Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 10 AM – Toddlerrific: “Playtime”

Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 10 AM – Pre-School Story Time: “Letter V”

Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 10 AM – Toddlerrific: “Drip, Drop, Ker-plop! Rainy days”

Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 10 AM – Pre-School Story Time: “Letter W”

Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 10 AM – Toddlerrific: “Pretty Please, Read to Me”

Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 10 AM – Story Time: “Letters X and Y”

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Texas City, Texas 77590

Friends Annual Membership Form

For the Moore Memorial Public Library

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Email: _____

The Friends' dues for calendar year 2008 (Jan. 1, 2008 through Dec. 31, 2008) are the following:

_____ Individual (\$10)	_____ Sustaining (\$50)	_____ Senior Citizen 60+ (\$5)
_____ Family (\$25)	_____ Valued Friend (\$100)	_____ Student (\$5)
	_____ Life Member (\$1000)	

Please make checks payable to Friends of MMPL.

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 our library.