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Moore Memorial Public Library Newsletter

START 2010 BY LEARNING SOMETHING NEW!

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Moore Memorial Public Library will sponsor a number of free educational programs in the early months of 2010. These programs will cover a variety of subjects including health care reform, Gulf Coast ecology, Social Security and Medicare, ID Theft prevention, digital photography, and the polio epidemic in Texas. All programs will be held in the Holland Meeting Room at Moore Memorial Public Library (1701 9th Ave N, Texas City).

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Thursday, January 21 at 1:30 PM: A representative from the Social Security Administration will discuss eligibility and benefits.

Tuesday, January 26 at 1:30 PM: A speaker from the local chapter of the AARP will discuss the new Health Care Reform Bill and its effect on individual medical coverage.

Thursday, February 4 at 1:30: A speaker from the Social Security Administration will discuss Medicare, Medicaid and Prescription Drug benefits.

Tuesday, February 16 at 1:30: An AARP representative will be present to discuss ID Theft prevention.

Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 PM: Environmental Historian Alecyia Galloway will discuss the ecology and estuaries in the Galveston Bay area.

Wednesday, March 17 at 1:30: A photographer from Gulf Coast Imaging Studios will host an introductory seminar on digital photography.

Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 PM: Local author & historian Heather Green Wooten will discuss her recent book [Battling a Terrifying Unknown: The Polio Years in Texas](#).



For a schedule of free computer classes please see page 3 of this newsletter.

TAX DAY 2010

This year, individual income tax forms are due on April 15th. While there is still plenty of time before the big day, the IRS has already made the 2009 tax forms and instructions available on its website, www.irs.gov.

Just like last year, Moore Memorial Library will receive only a limited number of forms and instruction booklets from the IRS. We will dedicate one public computer solely for printing out IRS forms and instructions until April 15th, and our reference staff will be happy to help patrons print forms from the IRS website. Printing costs are 10¢ per page.

Additionally, the IRS has posted a publication and videos in English and Spanish on their website, <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=216665,00.html?portlet=7>, advising taxpayers how to save on their taxes for 2009. They also have a webpage located at <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204335,00.html?portlet=6> that provides links to information on new tax breaks provided for via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 8TH

The Friends of Moore Memorial Public Library will hold their annual meeting at 7 PM on Monday, February 8, 2010, in the Holland Meeting Room at the library. Refreshments will be served.

Mayor Matt Doyle will give a "State of the City" address at the annual Friends meeting. New members are always welcome at the annual Friends Meetings.

To join the Friends of the Library, please fill out and return the form located on the back of this newsletter.



NEWS BRIEFS

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

The library will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday, January 18th (Martin Luther King Day)
- Friday, April 2 & Saturday, April 3rd (Good Friday and Easter Saturday)



BOOK CLUB: "Book Bits," the book club for ages 18 and up, continues to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2PM. 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:

- Jan. 6th
- Feb. 3rd
- March 3rd
- April 7th

Everyone is welcome!
No registration required.

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES



Sign-up & Registration Procedure: Registration for ALL computer classes will occur THE DAY OF the scheduled class. All potential students must come to the library between 9:00 and 9:30 AM on the day of the class for pre-class screening. Classes begin promptly at 10:00 AM. Admission to the class will be granted on a first-come first-served basis for those persons successfully completing the pre-assessment survey exercise. Admission for most classes is limited to 10 persons per class. For more information, please contact the Reference Desk at the library, 409-643-5977.

Thurs, Jan. 7	Basic Mouse Skills	Fri., Jan 8	Computer Hardware
Thurs. Jan. 14	Basic Windows	Fri., Jan. 15	Beginning Internet
Thurs., Jan. 21	Beginning Email	Fri., Jan. 22	Intermediate Internet
Thurs., Jan. 28	Online Search Strategies	Fri., Jan. 29	Basic Mouse Skills
Thurs., Feb. 4	Reference & Periodical Databases	Fri., Feb. 5	Basic Windows
Thurs., Feb. 11	Basic Word	Fri., Feb. 12	Beginning Internet
Thurs., Feb. 18	Beginning Email	Fri., Feb. 19	Intermediate Internet
Thurs., Feb. 25	Beginning Excel	Fri., Feb., 26	Beginning PowerPoint
Thurs., Mar 4	Beginning Publisher	Fri., Mar. 5	Online Search Strategies
Thurs., Mar. 11	Computer Hardware	Fri., Mar. 12	Online Search Strategies 2
Thurs., Mar. 25	Basic Windows	Fri., Mar. 26	Basic Word
Thurs., April 15	Beginning Internet	Fri., April 16	Beginning Email

WEEKLY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Each week the library offers two programs for children. The first program, Toddlerific Story Time, is held on Tuesdays at 10:00 am for children ages 1-2.



Children listen to stories, interact with finger plays, and sing songs together. There is also some play time for the children. The second program is Preschool Story Time on Wednesdays at 10:00 am for children ages 3-5. Children listen to stories, interact with finger plays, sing songs, and assemble a craft. Story times are held in the Holland Meeting Room. These free programs are a special opportunity to begin developing your child's literacy skills. For more information about these programs, call (409) 643-5966.



“BEST BOOKS” 2009



2009 HAS DRAWN TO A CLOSE—HAVE YOU BEEN WONDERING WHICH GOOD BOOKS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED LAST YEAR? THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR THAT EVERYONE PUBLISHES THEIR “BEST BOOKS” LIST—HERE ARE SOME THAT YOU MAY WANT TO CHECK OUT:

Publisher’s Weekly: <http://www.publishersweekly.com/article/CA6704595.html>

PW publishes a very extensive list of best books each year. Their list was very controversial in the publishing world this year, because it did not contain any women authors in their top 10. Their top picks for fiction include the John Cheever biography *Cheever: a life* and David Small’s autobiographical graphic novel, *Stitches*.

New York Times: <http://www.nytimes.com/gift-guide/holiday-2009/10-best-gift-guide-sub/list.html>

The NY Times publishes their top 10 picks annually. This year, they include the short story collection *Both Ways is the Only Way I Want It* by Maile Meloy and the science fiction *Chronic City* by Jonathan Lethem.

The Washington Post: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/artsandliving/features/2008/holiday-guide/gifts/best-books-of-2009/>

The Washington Post includes a very extensive list of books in their “best books” webpage, and includes children’s titles as well as adult books. Includes *American Rust* by Philipp Meyer and *A Gate at the Stairs* by Lorrie Moore.

Library Journal: <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6707422.html>

LJ includes genre fiction in their list, so you can check out their picks for best romance novels, Christian fiction, Sci-Fi/Fantasy novels, mysteries and street lit in addition to literary titles and nonfiction. Top picks include the romance *Star Bright* by Catherine Anderson and the fantasy title *Flesh and Fire* by Laura Anne Gilman.

YALSA: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/bestbooksya/09bbya.cfm>

YALSA is a division of the American Library Association dedicated to Young Adult literature. They publish a list of best books for young adults annually. This year’s list includes *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson and *The Savage* by David Almond.

The Economist: http://www.economist.com/books/displaystory.cfm?story_id=15009715

As one might expect, best books picks from *The Economist* are heavily weighted toward weighty non-fiction, including several that have yet to be published in the U.S. Includes *Pops: A Life of Louis Armstrong* and *The Accidental Guerilla: fighting small wars in the midst of a big one* by David Kilcullen.



NEW TECHNOLOGY AT THE LIBRARY

Moore Library recently purchased five additional laptop computers for patron use, bringing our total to fifteen. The new laptops are equipped with the Windows Vista operating system and Microsoft Office 2007 software. They will be used in computer classes available to our patrons and to shorten wait times for the use of our public computers.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH IN GALVESTON

Local genealogy volunteers have been working for the last several years on a project to photograph headstones from cemeteries in Galveston County. The group has provided public access to their photographs as well as transcriptions of the headstones via the internet, at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txgalves/. Some of the volunteers involved in this project include members of the Ancestry Searchers Group which holds monthly meetings at the Moore Memorial Public Library.

In addition to their work documenting Galveston County cemeteries, members of the Ancestry Searchers have transcribed birth, death and marriage indexes from several time periods in Galveston County history and posted their transcriptions on their website. The Ancestry Searchers welcome new members and also have volunteers who can provide members of the public with assistance in starting their research on their personal family histories. For more information, please contact the Reference Desk at 409-643-5977.

COMING SOON...

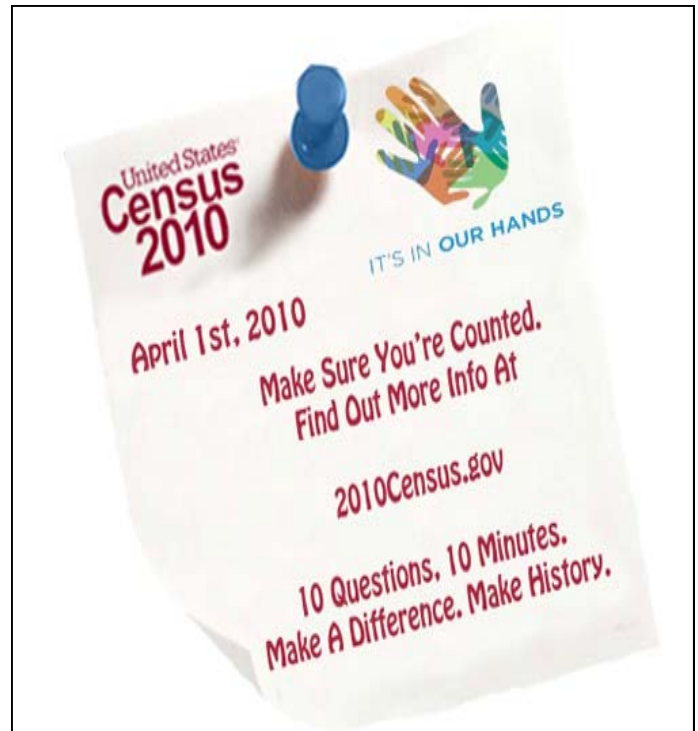
Tag your calendars for two exciting new resources coming soon to Moore Memorial Public Library!

1. The Library will be adding an online investment database, Valueline, which is a comprehensive information source on stocks, industries and the economy.
2. The Library will also add a downloadable, audio book service for library patrons of all ages, through Overdrive. Audio books will be downloadable to PC, iPod or Sony

In addition to the new laptops, MMPL has also been able to update three older public workstations with new machines, as well as adding three new scanners to the adult side of the library and one scanner in the children's area.

Free high-speed public wifi access is also available to library users who wish to bring their own computers to the library.

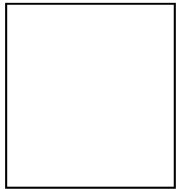
CENSUS COMING APRIL 1ST, 2010



Reader using your Moore Memorial Public Library card and a computer connection.

Both of these resources will be available through Moore's participation in a consortium of public libraries in the Houston area and are expected to be available to Moore Library patrons beginning in March or April 2010. Access to both of these resources will be free to Moore library card holders. Watch for specific access information for these new services in our April 1st newsletter.

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Texas City, Texas 77590



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.

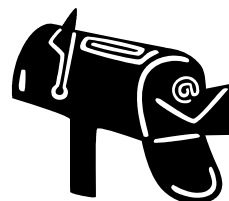
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please make checks payable to Friends of MMPL.

Name _____ Address _____
_____ City/State/Zip _____
_____ Phone _____

The Friends' dues for calendar year 2010 (Jan. 1, 2010 through Dec. 31, 2010) are the following:

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



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