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Moore Memorial Public Library has added the Value Line investment research database to its slate of free, online resources for library patrons. Value Line provides access to research and performance analysis of 8,000 different stocks, 15,000 mutual funds, 80,000 options and other securities. Users can access investment news alerts, the investment newsletter *ValueLine Investment Survey*, and tips on investment strategy from the Value Line staff. Library patrons can access the database using the library's Internet stations, or they



can use the database remotely with their library card numbers. To access the database, users should visit the library's database webpage, located at: <http://www.texascity-library.org/OnlineDatabases.htm>

DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOKS AVAILABLE SOON AT MMPL

Moore Library patrons will soon be able to download audiobooks directly to their MP3 players, iPods and computers. The service will be provided through Overdrive digital services and will be free to patrons who hold a MMPL library card. Audiobooks available through Overdrive will include a mix of fiction and nonfiction, as well as children's, young adult, and general collection titles. Patrons will be able to keep audiobook titles for two weeks at a time; after that books will be automatically "checked in," so patrons

won't have to worry about fines. Start looking for the Overdrive link on our website on May 1st. Instructions for downloading media will be available through the website, or you can contact the Reference Desk for additional information.



Damon McNeel listening to an audiobook on his MP3 player.

MOORE LIBRARY TO RECEIVE VISIT FROM LOCAL AUTHOR

Author and local historian Heather Green Wooten will discuss the topic of her recent 2008 book Battling a Terrifying Unknown: The Polio Years in Texas. Dr. Wooten is a member of the UTMB Institute for the Medical Humanities in Galveston. This free event will be on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 7:00 p.m. in the Holland Meeting Room. Please call (409) 643-5977 for more details.



FREE ONLINE LANGUAGE COURSES FROM BBC LANGUAGES: WEB REVIEW

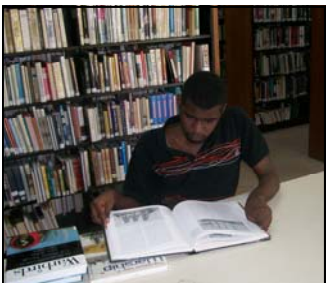
Always wanted to learn a foreign language? Check out the BBC's Languages website, located at www.bbc.co.uk/languages. This website offers free, 12-week online language courses in French, Spanish, German and Italian. When you complete the course, you receive a certificate from the BBC. For those of you who just want to dip your toes into a foreign tongue, the BBC site offers essential phrases (suitable for vacationers) in 36 languages, including Urdu, Chinese, Dutch and Finnish. The site also includes fun facts about the origins, literatures, and alphabets of different languages, a few bad jokes, and information on where you can find more in-depth language tutorials.



LIBRARY TO PURCHASE SELF-CHECK MACHINE THIS SPRING

Coming soon to your library: self check-out! Patrons who want to try their hand at checking out their own books will be able to skip the check-out lines by using our new self-check machine. The self-check will be located at the front desk, next to the full-service check-out. The machine will be similar to self-checkout machines found at local grocery stores – users will simply scan their library cards and the barcodes on their books. The machine will issue a receipt with the book's due date that can be placed in the book pocket. Staff will be available to assist patrons with the machine, should they need it.

SUMMER IS READING TIME



Chris Rollins enjoying our history collection.

The library launches its summer programming for children, teens, and adults on June 1st, 2010. During the summer months hundreds of library patrons participate in individual reading programs. At MMPL we want to build up an entire community of readers. We hope our programs will foster a lifelong love of reading that will enrich the lives of all our patrons. This summer we want the whole family reading.

Kids age 3-8 who read 40 stories by August 15th get a book prize. Kids who read an additional 40 stories will get another prize. Kids 3-5 can have 40 stories read to them and kids age 6-8 will read their own stories. Kids age 9-12 will get a book prize for every 10 hours they read. Reading for the 10 hours includes magazines, books, internet articles, and audiobooks.

Teens and adults will receive a raffle ticket for every 10 hours they read for a chance to win a gift card. Like the 9-12 program reading material can include books, magazines, newspapers, internet articles, and audiobooks.

TAX DAY 2010 – IT'S ALMOST HERE!

Tax day is April 15th – are you ready? The IRS has made all tax forms, instruction booklets and publications available through its website, www.irs.gov. This year, MMPL received only a limited number of instruction booklets from the IRS – no paper copies of tax forms are avail-

able at the library. We have dedicated one public computer solely for printing out IRS forms and instructions until April 15th, and our reference staff is happy to help patrons print forms from the IRS website. Printing costs are 10¢ per page.

APRIL COMPUTER CLASSES

Our computer classes are aimed at beginning to intermediate computer users. All attendees will be pre-screened for skill level before each class. The next set of computer classes will begin next fall. Check with the Reference Department beginning in August for the fall computer class schedule.

Beginning Internet	Thursday, April 15	10 AM
Beginning Email	Friday, April 16	10 AM



Learning to use Microsoft Windows

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 a.m. on the day of the class for pre-class screening. 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.

NEWS BRIEFS

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: The library will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday and Saturday, April 2nd and 3rd (Easter weekend)
- Monday, May 31st (Memorial Day)

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:

- April 7th
- May 5th
- June 9th

GET YOUR SUMMER PROGRAM TICKETS



Children's Librarian Kayla Jackson has tickets ready to go!

Except for the events on June 1-4 all Children's and Young Adult programs require tickets, which are FREE. Tickets will be available one week prior to the program. First week tickets will be available on June 1st on a first come, first served basis until the programs are filled. Then a waiting list will be started. Right before the show starts at the designated time, spaces for ticket holders who have not shown up will be given to those on the waiting list, in order of sign up. If there is more room available after the waiting list is called, people waiting at the door will be admitted until the program is filled. After the program starts, no one will be admitted. Due to space limitations we cannot accommodate groups larger than five people.

SUMMER PREVIEW: CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

All Programs will be held in the Walter Holland Meeting Room. Tickets required for all events except from June 1-4.

Catch the Reading Express

JUNE 1-4 **FUN CRAFT ACTIVITY** Each Day at 10AM

And Away We Go

JUNE 7	Ages 3-5	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 8	Ages 6-8	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 9	Ages 3-5*	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 10	Ages 9-12	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 11	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

Notion for Motion

JUNE 14	Ages 3-5	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 15	Ages 6-8	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 16	Ages 3-5*	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 17	Ages 9-12	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 18	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

Taking Flight

JUNE 21	Ages 3-5	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 22	Ages 6-8	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 23	Ages 3-5*	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 24	Ages 9-12	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 25	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

All Aboard

JUNE 28	Ages 3-5	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 29	Ages 6-8	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JUNE 30	Ages 3-5*	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 1	Ages 9-12	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 2	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

Journey with Music

JULY 5	Ages 6-8	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 6	Ages 3-5	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 8	Ages 9-12	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 9	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

Tales of the World

JULY 12	Ages 3-5	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 13	Ages 6-8	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 15	Ages 9-12	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 16	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

Tall Tales

JULY 19	Ages 3-5	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 20	Ages 6-8	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 22	Ages 9-12	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 23	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

All About Me

JULY 26	Ages 3-5	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 27	Ages 6-8	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 29	Ages 9-12	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
JULY 30	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

Everyone is a Storyteller

AUG 3	Ages 3-5	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
AUG 4	Ages 6-8	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
AUG 6	Ages 9-12	Story time, crafts	10 AM	Ticketed
AUG 7	Ages 6-12	Board Games	10 AM	Ticketed

Thursday Afternoon Programs

JUNE 10	Ages 3-12	Marble Run Activity	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JUNE 17	Ages 3-12	Jump Rope Activity	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JUNE 24	Ages 3-12	Fun With Science Activity	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JULY 1	Ages 3-12	Space Themed Crafts	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JULY 8	Ages 3-12	Computer Games	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JULY 15	Ages 3-12	Storyteller	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JULY 22	Ages 3-12	In the Ocean, In the Sea	2:30 PM	Ticketed
JULY 29	Ages 3-12	Texas Animals	2:30 PM	Ticketed
AUG 6	Ages 3-12	Storytelling Activities	2:30 PM	Ticketed

* This storytime is the same as Monday for the children who were unable to attend.

SUMMER PREVIEW: YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS (AGES 12-18)

All Programs will be held in the Walter Holland Meeting Room.

PROGRAMS AND OTHER FUN STUFF:

Wed. June 9th (Ticketed)	2 PM	Go Tournament: Learn to play this ancient Chinese game of honor and skill then compete in the Ultimate Go Tournament Battle!
Wed. June 23rd (Ticketed)	2 PM	Teen Poetry Day: Read and listen to poetry by teens. Work together to create a poem with your friends!
Wed. July 7th (Ticketed)	2 PM	Drawing Comics: Learn how to create your own comic book or comic strips!
Wed. July 21st (Ticketed)	2 PM	Bicycle Workshop — Learn about how to fix your bike and how to keep it in top riding shape.

GAMING FRIDAYS:

On Fridays from June 4th through July 23rd, we will be hosting gaming afternoons at the library in the Holland Meeting Room. Teens ages 12-18 can come to the library to play board games and online games. No tickets are required for

these events. We have some excellent video and board games including: Worm's Armageddon Civilization IV, Lost Crown, Thrillville, Dream Chronicles, Battleship, Trouble, Perfection, Scrabble, Monopoly, Risk, Sequence, Pictureka, Apples to Apples, Mancala, Scattergories...plus more.

Fri. June 4th	2 PM-4 PM
Fri. June 11th	2 PM-4 PM
Fri. June 18th	2 PM-4 PM
Fri. June 25th	2 PM-4 PM
Fri. July 9th	2 PM-4 PM
Fri. July 16th	2 PM-4 PM
Fri. July 23rd	2 PM-4 PM

SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG ADULTS



Shelby, Cheryl, and Edith Koch reading as a family

We are looking for teens willing to extend a helping hand to younger readers this summer. Young adults ages 12-18 are eligible to volunteer as a reading mentor to children in our Chapter Chum program. Teen participants can choose to either use their volunteer hours to gain service credit for honor societies or college applications, or they can use the volunteer hours to “work off” their library fines. Teens interested in this program should contact the Reference Desk at (409)643-5977. Children are encouraged to “read off” their fines to teen mentors. The library does not want fines to keep children from reading this summer! Children are encouraged to clear their blocked cards and practice their reading skills with a Chapter Chum. Children up to age eleven can reduce their book fines \$3.00 for every fifteen minutes of reading. *Please note that this program applies only to book fines and not fines from lost or damaged materials. Children may only read off their own fines, not those of other family members.*

AP SUMMER READING FOR TCHS & LHS STUDENTS

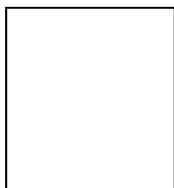
This summer we will be reprising our AP Summer Reading Program for students of LaMarque Schools. Beginning in June, students in AP classes will be allowed to check out their summer reading books from the library. If students attend the book discussion of their summer reading material at Moore Library, they will be allowed

to keep the book. MMPL may also have programs for Texas City schools. For more information on this program, including book discussion dates, please check with the Reference Desk in late May.



Will Roberts getting a head start on his reading

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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.

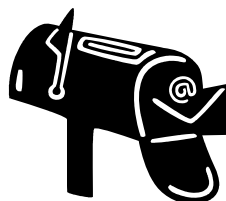
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please make checks payable to Friends of MMPL.

Name _____ Address _____
_____ City/State/Zip _____
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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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