



MOORE TIMES

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Moore Memorial Public Library Newsletter

SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS: 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

As we go back to school, Moore Library is starting a brand new program to get kids ready to read right from birth. 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is an early literacy initiative to encourage and support the pre-reading skills of children from birth until before they start kindergarten.

Children whose parents prepare them with early literacy skills before they reach school-age have an easier time learning to read. Early literacy skills are developed by reading to children as much as possible, talking to, singing with, and saying rhymes with them, and attending library programs with them so they are curious about both learning and reading. Family and other loved ones of children are a vital part of ensuring they will become happy and curious readers!



Congratulations Guinevere, on being the first to 100 books!

the information about the program you'll need, along with your child's log sheet to record the first 100 books you read together. Once you fill your log, bring it to a Children's Department staff member and you can collect the reward(s) for your child for that level. Once you complete your 10th and final log, you will have read 1,000 books together!

You will get support from the library along the way. We'll help you choose books, give you early literacy tips, and encourage your child. Please ask the Children's Department staff if you have questions about the program, books, early literacy or how to help prepare your child for reading. You can stop by in person or call Lauren, our Children's Librarian, at 409-643-5966.



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Our program is as simple as it sounds: read 1,000 books to your child before he or she starts kindergarten. Sign up your infant to pre-k age child in the Children's Department. We will give you a folder with a handbook containing all

FALL ADULT PROGRAMS

All Events will be held in the Moore Library Meeting Room

Online Resumes and Applications

Learn to upload resumes, fill out online job applications, and create a simple Excel spreadsheet, to keep track of all of those applications you fill out.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 2nd at 2:00 PM



Took Photos, Now What?

Learn methods of editing, posting, and backing-up your digital photographs. All attendees will be pre-screened for basic computer skills before each class and space is limited to the first ten patrons. **Registration will be between 2:30-3:00 PM.**

WHEN: Tuesday, October 9th at 3:30 PM



Blogging for Beginners

Learn how to start your own blog! All attendees will be pre-screened for basic computer skills before each class and space is limited to the first ten patrons. **Registration will be between 2:30-3:00 PM.**

WHEN: Wednesday, October 10th at 3:30 PM



Diabetic Nutrition

Darlene Cass of the Jesse Tree will give a presentation on diabetic nutrition. Learn how to live well with diabetes.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 16th at 1:00 PM



Lost Bones: How to Start Your Family History

The Texas City Ancestry Searchers will show how to use the U.S. Census with Family Search and Ancestry.com. Please bring basic family historical information you already have, such as names and the birth or death dates/places of ancestors.

WHEN: October 24 at 1:00 PM



Late Winter Gardening

Herman Auer, a Master Gardener of Galveston County, will be discussing the different things that need to be done to prepare your garden for the winter season, prep work to be done to the garden for the spring, and some plants that can be grown during the winter.

WHEN: Tuesday November 6 at 2:00 PM



Legal Paperwork

Do you have all your legal paperwork in order? What documents will your family need if you are incapacitated? Texas City attorney Lawrence Edrozo will discuss what to have in your files and how long to keep it.

WHEN: Tuesday November 13 at 2:00 PM



Software Alternatives

Learn how to find and download FREE software alternatives to Microsoft Office and other popular software. All attendees will be pre-screened for basic computer skills before each class and space is limited to the first ten patrons. **Registration will be between 2:30-3:00 PM.**

WHEN: Wednesday, November 14th at 3:30 PM



Playing for Parents

Have bored children or grandchildren at home? Come learn how to entertain and educate them, without needing to leave home.

WHEN: Thursday, November 29th at 10:00 AM



Gifts by Hand

We have the supplies, you bring your creativity! Together we craft gifts "by hand" to give to your loved ones.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 4 at 3:00 PM



GET READY TO VOTE

It's time to carry out our most sacred right and duty in a democracy: vote! On **November 6, 2012**, America heads to the polls to chart the future of the nation in the general election. Not only can you help decide the President of the United States, but also participate in a Senate election, House of Representatives election, judges, sheriffs, and more.

First you need to be registered to vote. You can download a voter registration form on http://www.co.galveston.tx.us/tax_offices/voter_registration.htm. The page also has all local locations for voter registration. The last day to register to vote in order to participate in this election is **October 9, 2012**, so time is of the essence.

Once you can vote, you need to decide who that vote will go to. The library can be a great place to start. We have books by and about President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney.



You can also look online for answers to your questions, but where to start? There is a lot of spin, distortions, and outright lies about both candidates and it can be tough to know who to trust. Try the Pulitzer prize winning website from the Tampa bay

Times, <http://www.politifact.com>. They look at policy reversal, speeches, and political promises, and rate candidates' truthfulness. Politifact always explains their reasoning and provides sources, so you can make an informed decision. Another fact check site to remember is <http://www.factcheck.org>. FactCheck.org is a project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania. Like Politifact, Factcheck always explains their conclusions and provides sources.

Finally, you'll need to know where to vote come November 6. We'll have information on voting locations as it is released, so check at our Reference Desk or call us at (409) 643-5977.

PANEL DISCUSSION OVERVIEW

On September 18, 2012, the Moore Memorial Public Library hosted a successful panel discussion at the Texas City Museum. We had 58 attendees at our event. Panelists included Dr. Gary Wilson and Dr. Steve Sewell of College of the Mainland, Dr. Ahmed Ahmed of UTMB and of the Galveston Islamic Center, and Dr. Mary Lee Webeck of the Houston Holocaust Museum.

The panelists had a lively discussion, moderated by Robert Handy, about the history of U.S. intervention in Germany prior to World War II, and how that compares to U.S. intervention in the Middle East of today's world. The panel discussion was inspired by the book chosen

for our annual Texas City Reads program, *In the Garden of Beasts*, by Erik Larson.

Don't worry if you missed this event. The library



has loads of other events to look forward to. Check out our adult events on Page 2, our children's events on Page 6, and our teen events on Page 7. You can also find out about events and everything else library oriented on our website at <http://www.texascity->

LIBRARY OUTREACH: SERVING SENIORS

Moore Memorial Public Library is proud to continue our senior citizen programming. Each month librarian Luke Alvey-Henderson and our Public Service Assistant, Kristina Garza, visit 5 senior citizen living centers and the Nessler Center Senior Center Programs. Programs are designed to engage seniors on topics of interest, direct interaction, and short games. The goal is to provide entertainment, information, and mental stimulation for our patrons who can't physi-



Julie with her free book.

cally visit us.

This summer we held a Senior Summer Reading Program at the Ashton Parke Care Center. Senior residents kept track of their summer reading and got their pick of a free large print book. These books were generously donated by Friends of Moore Memorial

Public Library. Thanks to all the seniors who participated and to the Friends of the Library!

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW TO READ?

It can be murder keeping up with the latest mysteries, heartbreaking trying to know which romance novels to fall for, and just plain unreal trying to know where to start in the strange world of teen or children's fiction. Fortunately the library is here to help! We have three library blogs that review adult, teen, and children's books and great book lists for books of all subjects.

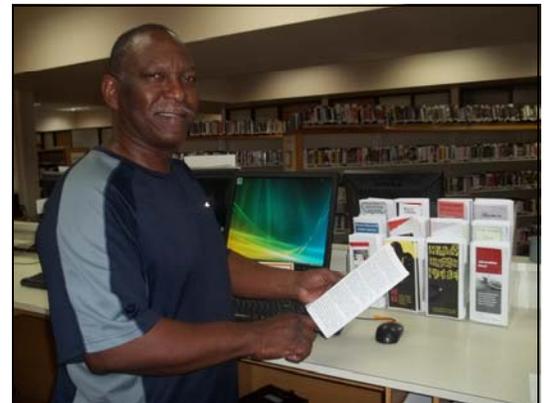
Moore Musings is a readers advisory blog maintained by the Moore Library Reference staff. We use the blog to review new books and highlight older gems hidden in our collection, as well as to bring our readers' attention to interesting book-related topics on the web.

Moore Teens Unite is our teen blog. We review teen books and keep teens updated on book awards and other book related news. We look at everything from historical fiction to post-apocalyptic dystopia, with a smattering of everything in between.

Children's Corner at Moore Library is a great stop to find all sorts of wonderful children's books for all ages about just about anything. You'll be able to keep up with all the latest news about the children's department and find out what's happening in children's books. You can find all of our blogs at <http://www.texascity-library.org/blogs.php>.

We also have book lists that you can read online for loads

of different genres. Want to know what we have in inspirational fiction or science fiction detectives? Check our adult book lists out at



Arnold Allen checks out our book lists in house.

<http://www.texascity-library.org/adult/booklist.php>. If the teen scene is your thing, then we have loads of books lists for you too. We have everything from angels to zombies with plenty of assorted strangeness in between. Find our young adult lists at <http://www.texascity-library.org/ya/booklist.php>. Last and certainly not least, we have a large lists of book suggestions for children that covers loads of interests and reading levels. Find them all at <http://www.texascity-library.org/child/booklist.php>.

If you long for a more personal approach, then you can always do things the old fashioned way. Stop by the Reference Desk anytime and we'll be glad to work one on one to find new titles or authors or series for you to read.

Improve Your Computer Skills

Our computer classes are aimed at beginning to intermediate computer users. The library offers courses to help patrons learn basic skills using MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, Email, the Internet,

and more. All attendees will be pre-screened for skill level before each class. *Please see Sign-up & Registration Procedure below for details.*

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. For afternoon classes potential students must come between **2:30-3:00 PM**. 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 (409) 643-5977.

Fall Computer Class Schedule

Fixing Photos	Thursday, October 4
Basic Facebook	Friday, October 5
Basic Mouse	Thursday, October 11
Basic Windows, Files & Saving	Friday, October 12
Basic Internet	Thursday, October 18
Basic Email	Friday, October 19
Basic Word	Thursday, October 25
Intermediate Internet	Friday, October 26
Basic Excel	Thursday, November 1
Basic Publisher	Thursday, November 8
Fixing Photos	Friday, November 9
Online Search Strategies	Thursday, November 15
Blogging for Beginners	Friday, November 16
AFTERNOON CLASSES (3:30 PM)	
Blogging for Beginners	Wednesday, Oct. 10
Software Alternatives	Wednesday, Nov. 14

NEWS BRIEFS

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



Thanksgiving- We will close early at 6 PM on **Wednesday, November 21st. Thursday, November 22nd through Saturday, November 24th. Reopen Monday, November 26th at 9 AM**



Christmas- **Monday, December 24th through Tuesday, December 25th. Reopen Wednesday, December 26th at 9 AM**



New Year's Day- **Tuesday, January 1st. Reopen Wednesday, January 2nd at 9 AM**

BOOK CLUB: Book lovers who enjoy engaging in stimulating conversation about literature are invited to attend "Book Bits". "Book Bits," a 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:



**October 3rd
November 7th
December 5th**

Kids Zone

For more information about the any children's events call Lauren, our Children's Librarian, at 409-643-5966.

CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES



Weekly storytimes are back! Storytimes are weekly programs to encourage kids to start learning well before they reach school age!

During Toddlerific Storytime, there are songs, finger plays, stories, ball time, bubbles, and some time to play with toys. It's a way for toddlers to engage with their environment and help build preliteracy skills.

During Preschool Storytime, there are songs, finger plays, stories, activities, and a craft. The programs are designed not just to boost literacy, but also creativity and a love of learning.

Toddlerific Storytime is every Tuesday at 10:00 AM for children ages 1 to 2 . **Preschool Storytime is every Wednesday at 10:00 AM** for ages 3 to 5. Both are held in the Walter Holland Meeting Room.



BRAND NEW EBOOKS ARE COMING

Starting this October, Moore Library will be building a collection of young adult and children's ebooks in Overdrive. You'll be able to pick from series and titles in children's and young adult literature and download to read on your computer or ereader device entirely for free. Our Overdrive collection also has fiction and nonfiction ebooks for adults and we have a separate collection of downloadable audiobooks.

If you haven't used Overdrive yet, don't worry! It's absolutely free and easy to get started. Once you've signed up for Overdrive you can download



Christina and Johnathan check out our ebooks.

books to your computer and then upload them to any ereader device.

You will need a library card in good standing to access our online resources including databases, ebooks, and audiobooks. If you or your child(ren) don't

have a library card, now is the perfect time to get one! Visit our website at [www.http://texas-city-library.org](http://www.texas-city-library.org) or call the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977 for more details.

MOORE TEENS

For more information about the any teen events call Luke, our Young Adult Librarian, at 409-949-3008.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD CELEBRATES BANNED BOOK WEEK

Banned Books Week is the last week in September and is set aside to remind people of the importance of the freedom to choose books. It highlights books that have been removed from schools, libraries, or attempted to be removed through censorship.

This year Banned Books Week runs from **September 30th through October 6th**. We're celebrating by having our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) design and make a display of books that

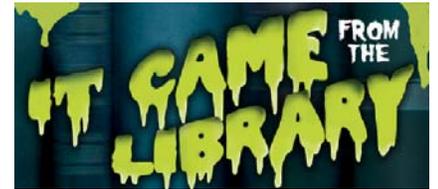
have been banned elsewhere. Our theme this year is **Set Books Free**. This year, the TAB designed a prison display that patrons can 'free' banned books from. It's up to everyone to keep books from being locked away. Do your part by checking out a book that has been banned or challenged in the past. For a list of frequently challenged books ask for our bibliography from at the Reference Desk or go to: <http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/frequentlychallenged/index.cfm>.

TEEN READ WEEK: READ TO WIN

October 14-20th is Teen Read Week, and Moore Library is ready to celebrate. This year's theme is, **It Came From the Library**, and DARES teens to read for the fun of it. While reading is its own reward, we've decided to up the ante.

Anyone who reads at least 3 hours during Teen Read week and fills in a Teen Read Week form from the Reference Desk will be

entered into a drawing. On **Monday, October 22nd** we will select five names in a drawing and the winners receive a free book of their choosing from our book sale cart.



UP-COMING TEEN EVENTS

We have fun teen events at least three times a week! Check out what the TAB is all about. By being a part of TAB you get leadership experience that looks great on college applications and resumes. It's also a great way to meet new people or hang out with your friends. We'll talk about ways to make the library better for young adults, have a teen-led current events round table, talk about our favorite books, and have a great time doing it. And as always, snacks will be provided. **Our next meeting is Friday, October 12th at 4:00 PM.**



Calling all Otaku! The Manga Club is a monthly meeting of manga and anime fanatics. If you are a hardcore fan or just getting started, the Manga Club is the perfect

place to meet new otaku, learn more about manga, eat snacks, and have fun. The next Manga Meeting is **Friday, October 19th at 4:00 PM.**

Get ready to game like you've never gamed before! Teens ages 12-18 can come to the library to play board games, strategy games, and card games like you've NEVER played before. We have selected award-winning games that are unlike any board games you've ever played! We have **Settlers of Catan, Dominion, Pandemic, Fluxx, Munchkin, Forbidden Island,** and many more. **Our next meeting is Friday, October 26th at 3:15 PM.**

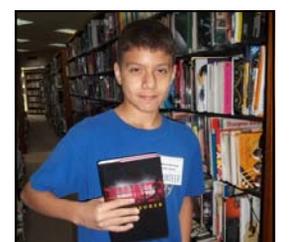


Photo by teen volunteer Ashlie

TO OUR SUMMER VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU!

Every summer we look to teens to help us at the library, and every summer dedicated teens answer that call and lend a hand. They listened to children read aloud for our Chapter Chums program, helped check the books in our Young Adult section and keep them in order, came up with great lists of books for new bibliographies, took truly excellent photographs of our events, helped keep the library tidy and neat, and they

did it all with a positive attitude. Thanks to **Flora, Enriko, Keegan, Quentin, Ashlie, Berenice, Nicholas, and Eric** for your excellent and selfless service. You help give teens a good name! We hope to see you all next year and at upcoming TAB meetings!



Congratulations Enriko, for having the most volunteer hours!



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 Texas City, Texas 77590

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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.

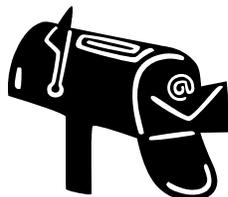
The Friends' dues for calendar year 2013 (Jan. 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2013) are the following:

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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- Sustaining (\$50) ____
- Valued Friend (\$100) ____
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