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GET CONNECTED AT MMPL

It is easier than ever to get connected at Moore Memorial Public Library. We have updated to a brand new Wi-Fi system that is more powerful and makes access faster and easier. Using our wireless network is entirely free and does not require a library card. We also have a wireless printer, so you can print directly from your device. See the Reference Desk for how to download the driver for printing.

We also have three charging stations for recharging any of your personal devices. That way you can stay connected and charged. Due to popular demand, there is an one hour limit on all charging sta-



tions. It is also required that you stay with your device at all times.

You can also use the library to connect to your community. From our website www.texascity-library.org, go to 'Services' and click

'Help Me Find Info About...' from the drop-down menu. From here, you'll find up-to-date information about community resources, finding free ebooks, e-government resources, online health resources, job hunting, and more.

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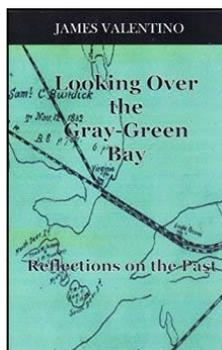
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KARANKAWAS IN THE BAY AREA: CULTURE AND TABOO

On Tuesday, April 7th at 2 PM, James Valentino will give a lecture exploring the common misconception that the Karankawa Indians who inhabited the



James Valentino is a local author and historian who serves as an adjunct professor at College of the Mainland, Alvin Community College, and



Texas Gulf Coast were unrepentant cannibals. He will begin with a discussion of the cultural practice of cannibalism before focusing on its role among the Karankawas.

San Jacinto College. His most recent book is titled *Looking Over the Gray-Green Bay* and features a collection of personal stories about Galveston Bay. For more information about this program, please call our Local History Librarian Lesley Ragsdale at (409) 949-3007.

SPRING PROGRAMS

All library programs are FREE to attend. All programs will be held in the Library Meeting Room.

Karankawas in the Bay Area: Culture and Taboo- James Valentino, an adjunct professor for College of the Mainland, Alvin Community College, and San Jacinto College, will discuss the Karankawa Tribe of Texas.

When: Tuesday, April 7th at 2 PM

LEGO Problem-Solving- Kids ages 8-12 will solve a fun and challenging problem using LEGOs. Challenge your mind and stretch your creativity!

When: Saturday, April 18th at 1 PM

Saturday, May 16th at 1 PM

Toddlerific Storytimes- Open to children ages 1-3. Toddlerific includes stories, songs, bubbles, and play time.

When: Tuesdays at 10 AM

Preschool Storytimes- Open to children ages 3-5. Preschool Storytime includes stories, songs, alphabet learning, and a different fun and educational activity or craft.

When: Wednesdays at 10 AM

Teen Advisory Board- For teens ages 12-18. Make the library a better place for teens and earn leadership hours at the same time.

When: Friday, April 10th at 4 PM

Friday, May 1st at 4 PM

Manga Club- For teens ages 12-18. Join the club for otaku (the manga-obsessed) and manga newbies alike!

When: Friday, April 17th at 4 PM

Friday, May 8th at 4 PM

Board Games You've Never Played- For teens ages 12-18. Play board games, card games, and strategy games that you've never seen before!

When: Friday, April 24th at 3:15 PM

Friday, May 15th at 3:15 PM

See Page 7 for summer dates and times

One-On-One Computer Training

We are now offering one-on-one computer training. Patrons can register for their own 30 minute sessions with one of our librarians to learn more about subjects like Microsoft Office programs, email, the Internet, and more. We'll teach basic to intermediate skills. Sessions will be from **January 8–April 24th Thursdays and Fridays between 9-11 AM**. Each day focuses on 1-2 subjects; patrons can choose which issues they want to learn about within those subjects. This will be hands-on training meant to address patrons' individual questions.



Thursday, April 9th Social Networking

Friday, April 10th Word & Excel

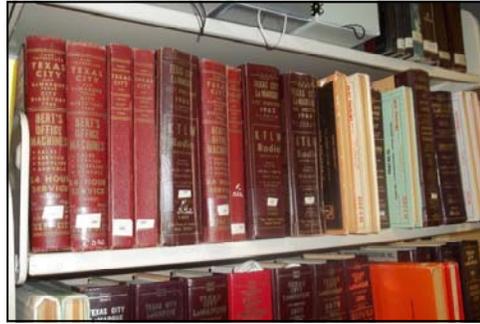
Thursday, April 23rd Publisher & PowerPoint

Friday, April 24th Online Research

Sign-up Procedure: Patrons must register in-person at the Reference Desk. Patrons can register for the next week's session up until the Tuesday before a session. You will not be able to register before or after this period. A librarian will contact you the Wednesday before your class to go over what needs you want addressed in the session. Space is limited so you must cancel 24 hours before your session if you cannot attend. If you miss 2 sessions without cancelling 24 hours in advance, your future attendance will be limited.

PRESERVING HISTORY

We are pleased to announce that our Local History Room has a brand new humidity control system, specially designed to protect and preserve materials. This sys-

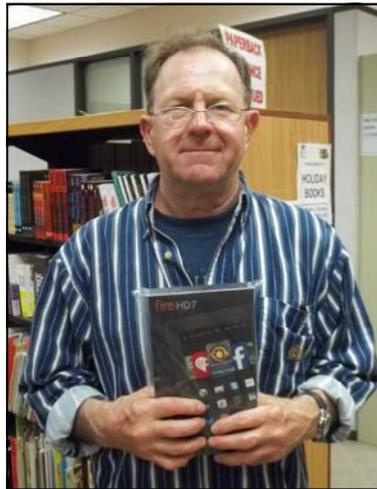


tem will help protect our materials from the irreversible damage our local climate causes. This will help preserve our archives that include unique, irreplaceable documents and photographs.

THANK YOU FOR LOVING YOUR LIBRARY

Thank you to all our wonderful patrons who participated in our Love My Library program!

During the months of January and February patrons were able to use their Love My Library cards to earn prizes and be entered into our grand prize drawing simply for using the library. Patrons earned stamps for checking out materials, using the computers, and asking reference ques-



Congratulations to our Grand Prize Winner!

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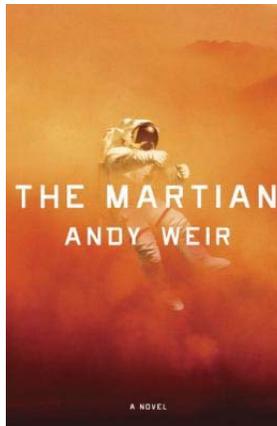
Love My Library was our way to highlight the range of different materials and services the library offers and to reward all our loyal patrons who use them.

We gave out over 150 prizes and had over 260 entries into our Grand Prize drawing of a Kindle Fire e-reader. That level of participation proves what we already knew: Tex-

Moore Memorial Public Library is excited to announce the Texas City Reads book for 2015 is *The Martian* by Andy Weir. It's the exciting story of one man marooned on Mars fighting astronomical odds against his survival.

Andy Weir is a first-time author who previously self-published *The Martian* as an ebook. He first put each chapter up for free on his website, finally selling it on Ama-

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zon.com for \$0.99 for the whole book. After the book sold over 30,000 copies in less than three months, publishers took notice, and it was released in multiple formats in an expanded edition. From those humble beginnings, *The Martian* ended up on many best fiction lists for 2014. We will have multiple copies for checkout at the Circulation Desk starting **Monday, June 1st**.

NEWS BRIEFS

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:



Easter—The library will be closed **Friday, April 3rd–Saturday, April 4th**. We will reopen **Monday, April 6th** at 9 AM.



Memorial Day—The library will be closed **Monday, May 25th**. We will reopen **Tuesday, May 26th** at 9 AM.

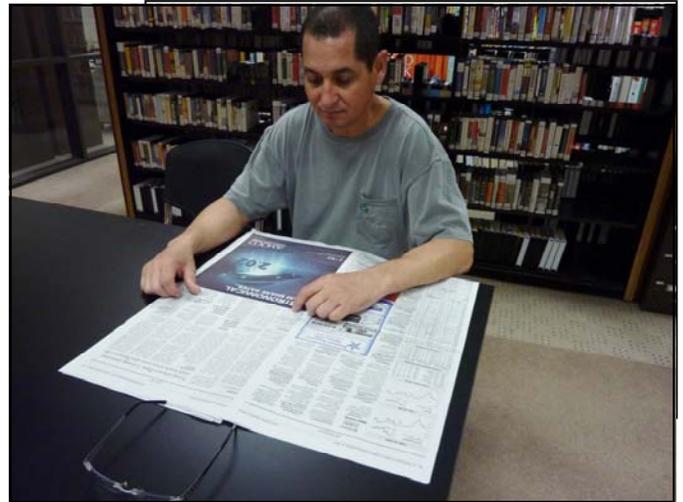
Tax day is Wednesday, April 15th. Most 2014 tax forms and instructions are available for download and printing from the IRS website, www.irs.gov. Reference staff are ready to help patrons find and print forms and instructions from the IRS website. Please bring the tax number of the form or instructions publication needed to the library. Printing charges are \$.10 per page for all black and white printing.

SUMMER READING

The library launches its summer programming for children, teens, and adults on **June 8th**. During the summer hundreds of library patrons participate in individual reading programs. At MMPL we want our entire community to read and read often. Our programs for toddlers, kids, and teens are all designed to be fun AND foster lifelong learning. Summer reading is a way to encourage EVERYONE to practice lifelong learning.

This summer we want the whole family reading, so we've got rewards for all age groups. We have 2 logs for kids 12 and under: the "Growing Reader" log for younger children who listen to 40 stories by August 14th and the "Reader" log for older children able to read on their own who read 10 hours by August 14th. For every 40 stories or 10 hours read (depending on which log is used), kids get to choose a book from our prize box. Additional book prizes will be awarded for any additional logs turned in by August 14th, so the more you read, the more books you receive.

Readers ages 12-18 who turn in their first 10 hours on a reading log before the August 14th deadline will receive a brand new book! Don't stop there! Every 10 hours after that gets you entered into our prize



drawing at the end of the summer. No matter what, you win!

We have brand new summer activities for adults this year. In addition to filling out your summer reading log, we'll have a new fun activity. This summer we are challenging the citizens of Texas City to find out more about the history of their city. Using information from the library's local history websites, you can navigate your way through an online scavenger hunt. Track down the clues, find out more about our city's history, and even win a free book! Once you complete your hunt you'll get a copy of *Texas City: Images of the 20th Century* by Collier Campbell & Susie Moncla. Drawings for gift cards will take place at the end of the summer after the **August 14th** deadline to turn in your logs.



Adult and teen reading logs can be picked up at the Reference Desk, and children's reading logs can be picked up at the Children's Reference Desk starting June 8th. Every finished log turned in adds a circle with your initials to Sir-Read-a-Lot. We want this year to be the biggest Sir-Read-a-Lot yet, so get those logs in! If you have any questions about our Summer Reading programs, please call our Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.

SUMMER PREVIEW: CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

No tickets or registration are required to attend any programs. They will be held in the Walter Holland Meeting Room by the Circulation Desk. Door opens about 10 minutes before the program begins and will remain open until the start of the program. Space is limited. Please do not be late. After the program starts, no one will be admitted. Day care or camp groups are normally not allowed. For more information about children's programs, please call our Children's Department at (409) 643-5966 .

Week 1

MON	JUNE 8	Ages 8-12	LEGO Problem-Solving	9:30 AM	Lasts about an hour and a half
TUES	JUNE 9	Ages 1-3	Toddlerific Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
TUES	JUNE 9	Ages 6-12	Senses Program	2PM	Lasts about an hour
WED	JUNE 10	Ages 3-5	Preschool Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
WED	JUNE 10	Ages 10-12	Castle Crashers	2PM	Lasts about an hour
THUR	JUNE 11	Ages 6-9	Grossology	10 AM	Lasts about an hour

Week 2

MON	JUNE 15	Ages 8-12	LEGO Problem-Solving	9:30 AM	Lasts about an hour and a half
TUES	JUNE 16	Ages 1-3	Toddlerific Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
TUES	JUNE 16	Ages 6-12	NASA: Life in Space	2PM	Lasts about an hour
WED	JUNE 17	Ages 3-5	Preschool Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
WED	JUNE 17	Ages 10-12	Sharpie Tie-Dye (Limit 20)	2PM	Lasts about an hour
THUR	JUNE 18	Ages 6-9	Minute to Win It	10 AM	Lasts about an hour

Week 3

MON	JUNE 22	Ages 8-12	LEGO Problem-Solving	9:30 AM	Lasts about an hour and a half
TUES	JUNE 23	Ages 1-3	Toddlerific Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
TUES	JUNE 23	Ages 6-12	Sharpie Tie-Dye (Limit 20)	2PM	Lasts about an hour
WED	JUNE 24	Ages 3-5	Preschool Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
WED	JUNE 24	Ages 10-12	Mystery Program	2PM	Lasts about an hour
THUR	JUNE 25	Ages 6-9	Live -Action Minecraft	10 AM	Lasts about an hour

Week 4

MON	JUNE 29	Ages 8-12	LEGO Problem-Solving	9:30 AM	Lasts about an hour and a half
TUES	JUNE 30	Ages 1-3	Toddlerific Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
TUES	JUNE 30	Ages 6-12	HMNS: Texas Wildlife	2PM	Lasts about an hour
WED	JULY 1	Ages 3-5	Preschool Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
WED	JULY 1	Ages 10-12	Shadow/light Program	2PM	Lasts about an hour
THUR	JULY 2	Ages 6-9	Spy Academy	10 AM	Lasts about an hour

Week 5

MON	JULY 6	Ages 8-12	LEGO Problem-Solving	9:30 AM	Lasts about an hour and a half
TUES	JULY 7	Ages 1-3	Toddlerific Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
TUES	JULY 7	Ages 6-12	Art - Calder Mobile	2PM	Lasts about an hour
WED	JULY 8	Ages 3-5	Preschool Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
WED	JULY 8	Ages 10-12	Spy Academy	2PM	Lasts about an hour
THUR	JULY 9	Ages 6-9	Diary of a Wimpy Kid	10 AM	Lasts about an hour

Week 6

MON	JULY 13	Ages 8-12	LEGO Problem-Solving	9:30 AM	Lasts about an hour and a half
TUES	JULY 14	Ages 1-3	Toddlerific Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
TUES	JULY 14	Ages 6-12	You are there	2PM	Lasts about an hour
WED	JULY 15	Ages 3-5	Preschool Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
WED	JULY 15	Ages 10-12	Squishy Circuits	2PM	Lasts about an hour
THUR	JULY 16	Ages 6-9	Mystery Bag Science	10 AM	Lasts about an hour

Week 7

MON	JULY 20	Ages 8-12	LEGO Problem-Solving	9:30 AM	Lasts about an hour and a half
TUES	JULY 21	Ages 1-3	Toddlerific Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
TUES	JULY 21	Ages 6-12	Story Stones	2PM	Lasts about an hour
WED	JULY 22	Ages 3-5	Preschool Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
WED	JULY 22	Ages 10-12	Story Stones	2PM	Lasts about an hour
THUR	JULY 23	Ages 6-9	Sink or float: Titanic	10 AM	Lasts about an hour

Week 8

MON	JULY 27	Ages 8-12	LEGO Problem-Solving	9:30 AM	Lasts about an hour and a half
TUES	JULY 28	Ages 1-3	Toddlerific Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
TUES	JULY 28	Ages 6-12	Cryptid Hunters	2PM	Lasts about an hour
WED	JULY 29	Ages 3-5	Preschool Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
WED	JULY 29	Ages 10-12	Survival Program	2PM	Lasts about an hour
THUR	JULY 30	Ages 6-9	Create a puzzle	10 AM	Lasts about an hour

Week 9

MON	AUG 3	Ages 8-12	LEGO Problem-Solving	9:30 AM	Lasts about an hour and a half
TUES	AUG 4	Ages 1-3	Toddlerific Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
TUES	AUG 4	Ages 6-12	Poetry Puzzles	2PM	Lasts about an hour
WED	AUG 5	Ages 3-5	Preschool Storytime	10 AM	Lasts about an hour
WED	AUG 5	Ages 10-12	Science Tricks	2PM	Lasts about an hour
THUR	AUG 6	Ages 6-9	Parachute Program	10 AM	Lasts about an hour

SUMMER PREVIEW

OUT OF THIS WORLD PROGRAM

Since the library can't go into outer space, space is coming to the library! On **Tuesday, June 16th at 2 PM**, NASA will present a program on Life in Space for kids ages 6-12.



You will learn how astronauts live off the planet from waking up till

they go to bed, all on an space station. From beds with straps to special space food, you'll learn how

much living in space changes everything they do. You'll also learn the science behind all the challenges to living in space.

There will also be an astronaut food tasting. Find out the science of food in space, as you make and taste a real space meal! For

more information about this program, please call our Children's Department at (409) 643-5966 .

GET WILD

The library is getting wild! On **Tuesday, June 30th at 2 PM**, the Houston Museum of Natural Science will present a program on Texas Wildlife.

Kids ages 6-12 will learn all about the many varied form of Texas wildlife. How do they live? In a state as big



and changing as Texas, how do animals cope with

meeting their four basic needs of food, water, shelter, and room to live? Find out how animals hunt, fend off predators, communicate with each other, and live around humans.

For more information about this program, please call our Children's Department

at (409) 643-5966 .

READ OFF YOUR FINES

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 teen mentor in our Chapter Chum program. Children up to age twelve can reduce their book fines by \$3.00 for every fifteen minutes of reading. Chapter Chums are available to listen to children read off their fines from 1-3



PM Monday through Friday during the months of June and July. Interested children should report to the Reference Desk.

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.



MINDSTORMS



Every Monday at 2 PM from June 8th to July 27th teens ages 13-17 will be building robots! We will have the LEGO Mindstorms kits, we just need some mad scientists in training to help us out!

Teams of two will

build their robot, learn how to program it, and test it out in a series of challenges.

There will be a four part class in June and a repeat of the same four part class in July. You MUST sign

up for the classes in advance at the Reference Desk. **There are a total of 10 spots available for June and 10 spots available for July.** You can sign up for the June sessions anytime in the month of May and you can sign up for the July sessions anytime in the month of June. You cannot sign up for both June and July sessions. If you have any questions, ask at the Reference Desk or call (409) 643-5977.

Session 1

Monday, June 8th 2 PM-4 PM
 Monday, June 15th 2 PM-4 PM
 Monday, June 22nd 2 PM-4 PM
 Monday, June 29th 2 PM-4 PM

Session 2

Monday, July 6th 2 PM-4 PM
 Monday, July 13th 2 PM-4 PM
 Monday, July 20st 2 PM-4 PM
 Monday, July 27th 2 PM-4 PM

WE NEED A FEW (OR MORE) GOOD TEENS

We are looking for teens willing to extend a helping hand to young readers this summer. If you are a teen (ages 13-18), you are eligible to volunteer as a reading mentor by listening to young readers practicing their skills.

As a VolunTeen you listen to young readers (Chapter Chums) practice reading out loud, so they keep up their reading skills and reduce their overdue fines. VolunTeens will also help keep the library neat, keep the YP FIC organized, shelve DVDs, make book lists, and more! We will also have Tech Teen photographers that take pictures for MMPL.

With this volunteer time, you can either “work” off your fines (at a rate of \$3 per 30 minutes) or gain



We want YOU!

volunteer service credit for colleges—we will document your service.

Children of reading age to 12 can “read off” their fines (at a rate of \$3 per 15 minutes) to a VolunTeen as well. We don’t want fines keeping kids or teens from reading this summer!

Anyone interested in becoming a VolunTeen MUST come to a mandatory orientation. These orientations will be on:

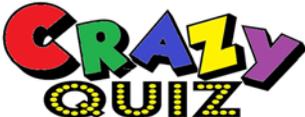
Friday, June 12th at 1 PM

Friday, June 26th at 1 PM

For more information, ask the Reference Desk or call the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.

SUMMER PREVIEW: TEEN PROGRAMS

Special Programs (AGES 12-18):

- Thu. June 11th 2 PM  For fans of *The Hunger Games*, *Divergent*, and the trillion other Dystopia books out there! Compete to live (and for prizes) in a live action dystopia game!
- Thu. June 25th 2 PM  Learn how to make awesome super-short films! Learn about blocking, lighting, writing, and more. Maybe you will be the next Vine or YouTube superstar!
- Thu. July 9th 2 PM  Why buy tech, when you can make it? Learn how to make your own flashlights, projectors, telescope, and more!
- Thu. July 23rd 2 PM  Find the answers to seriously silly questions and perform ridiculous stunts to win awesome prizes and supreme bragging rights!

BE CRAFTY!

One hour craft programs for the craftiest teens in town! Make manga paper crafts, cosplay on the cheap, wicked rad retro crafts, and sculpt with quick drying clay! We'll provide the supplies, you provide the inspiration! For ages 12-18.

- Manga Paper Crafts Thursday, June 18th at 2 PM
- Cosplay Crafts and Contest Thursday, July 2nd at 2 PM
- Retro Crafts Thursday, July 16th at 2 PM
- Sculpt It! Thursday, July 30th at 2 PM

You dream it You make it

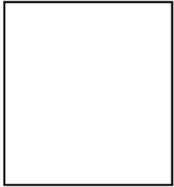
Board Games You've NEVER Played

On Fridays from June 12th through August 7th, we will be hosting gaming afternoons at the library in the Holland Meeting Room from 2-5 PM. 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 :

**Dominion Revolution King of Tokyo Munchkin Risk Dixit
Labyrinth Forbidden Island Fluxx The Phantom Society AND MORE!!!
Settlers of Catan Race for the Galaxy Pandemic Carcassonne Go**

SETTLERS OF CATAN TOURNAMENT: Friday, June 26th we will have a SUPER-SPECIAL Board Game Friday! We will be giving several FREE games of Settlers of Catan to the winners of our first-ever Settlers of Catan Tournament! There is a mandatory sign-up for the tournament. You can sign up from **June 8th- June 19th** at the Reference Desk. But make sure to come every Friday, because we'll have several FREE door prizes too!

Gaming Friday Dates	
June 12th	2 PM-5 PM
June 19th	2 PM-5 PM
June 26th	2 PM-5 PM
July 10th	2 PM-5 PM
July 17th	2 PM-5 PM
July 24th	2 PM-5 PM
July 31st	2 PM-5 PM
Aug 7th	2 PM-5 PM



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Become a Friend of the Moore Memorial Public Library

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 2015 (Jan. 1, 2015 through Dec. 31, 2015) are the following:

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please make checks payable to Friends of MMPL.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State Zip _____

Phone _____

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



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