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MORE NEW COMPUTERS AT MOORE MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Moore Memorial Public Library has added more Internet workstations in both the children's and adult areas as it moves to complete the last phase of its upgrade plan. The Library will be replacing the network servers and operating software during the next few months, and upgrading circulation and library catalog software. Although we will attempt to minimize computer downtime, please expect occasional times where the



Above from left to right: Kel'sea Moxey, Dan'nesha Moxey, and Shakira Moxey enjoy the new OPACs (Online Public Access Computers) in the Children's Area.

library catalog and Internet access are unavailable. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but are sure the new "improved" network will be worth it!

FREE INTERNET AND EMAIL CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY

This spring Moore Memorial Public Library will offer three separate computer classes. The first class, "Basic Computer Operations," will feature personal computer basics and an introduction to Microsoft Applications. The second computer class on April 28th covers the basics

of Email. During this class participants will obtain their own Email account and practice using their new account. In "Basic Internet Searching," scheduled for Friday May 5, participants will learn and practice surfing the World Wide Web. All classes begin at

10:00 a.m. at the library and run approximately an hour and a half. Classes are free but space is limited and registration is required.

For more information or to sign up for a class please contact the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.

Spring Computer Classes

Friday, April 21 @ 10:00 a.m.
"Basic Computer Operations"

Friday, April 28 @ 10:00 a.m.
"Basic Email"

Friday, May 5 @ 10:00 a.m.
"Basic Internet Applications"

MOORE MEMORIAL PARTICIPATES IN HEADSTART PROGRAM



Above: Elisa Pulido shares a book with her son David Dozal at Moore Memorial Public Library Head Start Program Partnership.

Moore Memorial Public Library participated in the Head Start Program Partnership during the months of January and February. The purpose of the program was to increase early childhood literacy by encouraging parental involvement. During the sessions parents were

given tips on how to develop their child's early literacy skills. Children's Librarian Janet Bazemore presented a storytime about barnyard animals and parents were given the opportunity to independently share books with their children and get library cards.

NEW DATABASE FOR AUTO REPAIR

Moore Memorial has leased AllData as its online database for auto repair. AllData features repair information and diagrams for both foreign and domestic vehicles produced from 1982 to 2006. It also has additional information about

vehicle recalls and updates. The database is accessible in the library and information may be printed for 10 cents a page. A Technician's Reference link is featured which provides a glossary and a quick reference guide to help facilitate repairing.

For more information please call (409) 643-5977 or visit the Reference Desk in the library.



NEWS BRIEFS

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

The library will be closed Friday April 14 and Saturday April 15.

TEXAS CITY EXPLOSION MEMORIAL:

The annual memorial service for the 1947 Texas City Explosion will take place on Saturday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m. in Memorial Park.

ADULT BOOK CLUB: "Book Bits"

adult book club continues to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. The 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 5, May 3, June 7, and July 5. Call (409) 643-5970 for more information.

BUILDING UPDATES:

The lava rocks formerly surrounding the fountain in front of the building have now been removed and a new flowerbed is planned for that space. Safety issues stemming from loose rocks have been a concern.

From May to June the library will also receive a new roof so please excuse construction areas and roofing noise.

TEXAS CITY HERITAGE NIGHT:

Texas City Heritage Night will feature local photographer Jesse Ponce with his photographs and an oral history. The program will be at Moore Memorial Public Library in the Holland Meeting Room on Monday, May 8th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information call (409) 643-5977.

MOORE MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT FROM BP

BP has given a \$500 grant to Moore Memorial Public Library to support the 2006 Young Adult Summer

Reading Program. These funds will be used to purchase reading materials for students in summer book discussions and

prizes for Young Adult independent reading. Moore Memorial thanks BP for their generosity!



SPOTLIGHT ON A BOOK AND WEBSITE

Texas Law Help

<http://www.TexasLawHelp.org>

Established by the Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, the Texas Legal Services Center and Pro-Bono.net, TexasLawHelp.org provides free legal forms, legal information and legal referrals to the public. To navigate the site a user clicks on the appropriate icon. These icons include and are labeled:

- Disaster Relief
- Housing
- Public Benefits
- Health
- Elder Law
- Work (Employment)
- Migrant Worker
- Family Law & Domestic Violence (including divorce)
- Consumer
- Wills & Estates
- Immigration
- Disability
- Civil Rights

TexasLawHelp also provides links to various states with similar websites.

The Yom Kippur Murder

By Lee Harris

When young English teacher Christine Bennett, a former nun, stops by to take an old friend to Yom Kippur services, she finds him murdered. Although the police quickly charge a suspect with the murder, Christine is not sure they have arrested the right person. With bitter and estranged children and close-mouthed neighbors providing opposite pic-

tures of the man she loved like a grandfather, Christine struggles to untangle the mystery of her friend's life and death, while adjusting to life outside convent walls, and dealing with deepening relationships with her mentor Arnold and her policeman friend Jack.

This quiet, introspective mystery series is set primarily in New York City and its suburbs. People's relationships with each other amid the normal struggles of life are central in these mysteries.

MORE NEWS BRIEFS

GRANT FROM HALS:

Moore Memorial Public Library has also received a grant from HALS (Houston Area Library System) to purchase four sets of English Language DVDs for second language learners. Three of the DVD sets provide English instruction while one DVD set focus on English Grammar.

FAFSA APPLICATIONS:

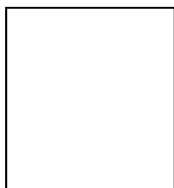
The library continues to have FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) applications for the summer of 2006, the fall of 2007, and FAFSA On The Web Worksheets 2006-2007. These forms are for those entering and continuing college and are applying for financial aid.

PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY

GRANT: Moore Memorial Library has shipped off approximately 400 historical photographs and prints to be digitized under a Portal to Texas History Grant. The Digital Imaging Lab at the University of North Texas will shortly begin creating digital images of the photos, maintaining them in a large online database which will allow free access via the

Internet for everyone to view these photos after the project is completed. The photos to be digitized are from the U.S. Army, First Aero Squadron (1913-1915) collection and the 1947 Texas City Explosion collection. Funding for this grant was provided by the Summerlee Foundation.

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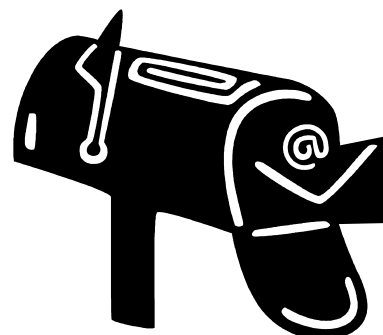


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Moore Memorial Public Library's Website:



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Moore Memorial PL, 1701 9th Avenue North, Texas City, TX 77590.
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