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Moore Memorial Public Library Newsletter

LIBRARY RECEIVES 2009/10 BUDGET

On October 1, 2009, Moore Memorial Public Library begins a new fiscal year (2009/2010). During this fiscal year a number of additions and replacements are planned for the library facility and its services in order to continue the excellent service our patrons have grown to expect.

Patron Services

The library is excited to announce funding for a pilot program that will allow patrons to download audio books on mp3 players and other mobile devices. The library plans to subscribe to an online investment database, such as Morningstar, during this fiscal year.

Plans also call for the purchase and installation of a self-check machine. This addition to staff re-

sources, will help provide faster service for some patrons.

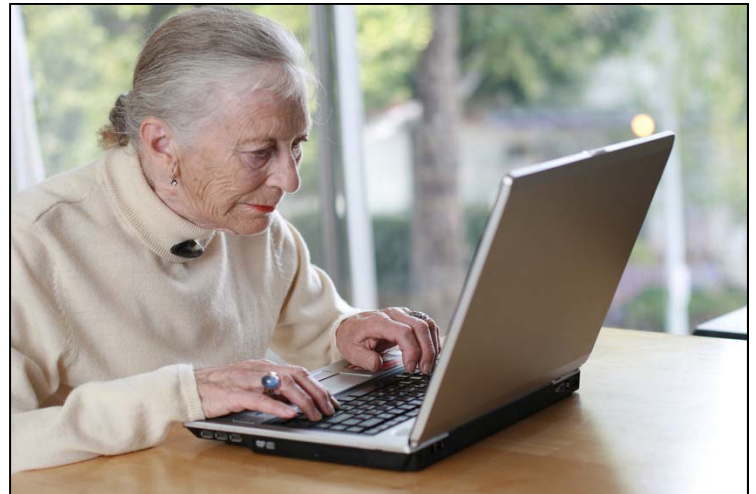
Technology

With the new budget the library plans to improve the available technology at the library. Five new laptops will be purchased, which will allow more people to attend computer classes and improve their technical knowledge. These laptops may also be used during high volume hours in the public access area of the library.

As well, there are plans to replace and upgrade seven computer workstations, two servers, four printers, and three scanners. Upgrades to the current software programs on the public-access computers will also be made. To improve wireless access in the building, repeaters will be purchased and installed. Cabling in the building will also be improved.

Building-Interior

The book collection needs a little breathing room; therefore, the library hopes to purchase additional shelving units. New tables are also



planned for the Holland Meeting Room. The library also hopes to upgrade the current fire alarm system.

Building-Exterior

The library plans to continue improving the exterior of the building, including new landscaping to improve the grounds appearance. Additional trash cans will be added around the outside of the building. The library will also be investigating the issue of external security cameras.

Citizens can access the FY 2009/2010 budget from the City's website at www.texas-city-tx.org/Finance.htm.

Information on the library expansion/renovation project will be provided in a future issue.

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Technology @ Your Fingertips

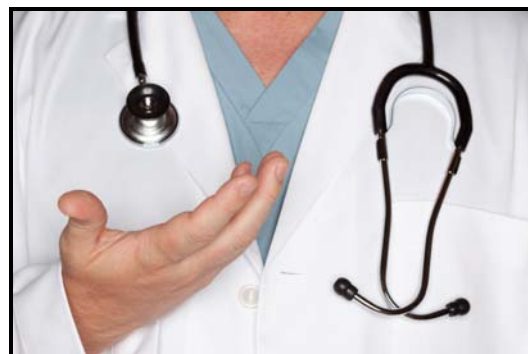
Health Care Online

During the summer and continuing through fall the topic of health care reform will be on everybody's minds. The Library has created an information guide of non-partisan websites featuring facts on reform. It is available in the library or online at: <http://www.texascity-library.org/ADBibs/ADHealthcareReform08-09.pdf>. The following are two featured websites:

Medline Plus– www.medlineplus.gov

Medline Plus is operated by the U.S. National Library of Medicine and the National Institute of Health. The infor-

mation available on the site is from these two organizations, along with other



government agencies and health-related organizations. The site features news on current issues in health, information on over 800 health topics and prescription drug, a medical encyclopedia, dictionary, and a medi-

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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. All computer classes begin at 10 AM and run about an hour.

Fall Computer Class Schedule

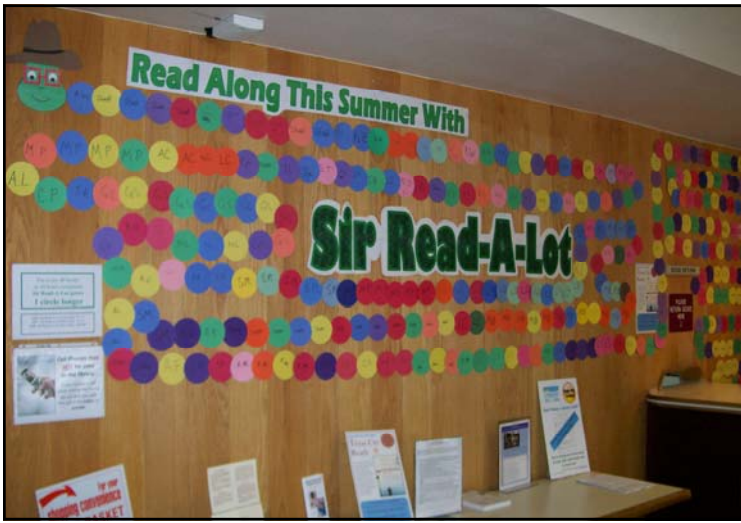
Sign-up & Registration Procedure:

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.

Computer Class	Date
Basic Mouse Skills	Thursday, October 1
Reference & Periodical Databases	Friday, October 2
Basic Windows	Thursday, October 8
Basic Word	Friday, October 9
Beginning Internet	Thursday, October 15
Beginning Email	Friday, October 16
Beginning Publisher	Thursday, October 22
Beginning Excel	Friday, October 23
Beginning Power Point	Thursday, October 29
Intermediate Internet	Friday, October 30
Online Search Strategies	Thursday, November 5
Computer Hardware	Friday, November 6
Basic Email	Thursday, November 12
Basic Internet	Friday, November 13

Library Insider...



Sir-Read-A-Lot grew and grew over the summer at the library.

Sir-Read-A-Lot Record Breaker

From June 1st- August 15th patrons of all ages participated in the 2009 Summer Reading Program. Children, teens, and adults who documented the number of books they read and/or hours of reading were tracked with the Sir Read-a-Lot Worm, located at the front of the library, which grew as more reading logs were submitted. Each circle represented 40 books or 10 hours of reading. This year the Sir Read-a-lot Worm was comprised of 450 circles and was over 150 feet long. This beats last year's participation of 302 circles. Participation in 2009 grew by approximately 49% from 2008.

Summer Reading Program Results

Year	Number of Circles	Length
2006	218	67' 7"
2007	230	71' 4"
2008	302	100.666'
2009	450	151.666'

Save the Date!

Friends of the Library

Favorite Christmas Readings

December 1, 2009

1:30 PM

Holland Meeting Room

Refreshments will be served.



Kids Zone

Library Welcomes New Children's Librarian

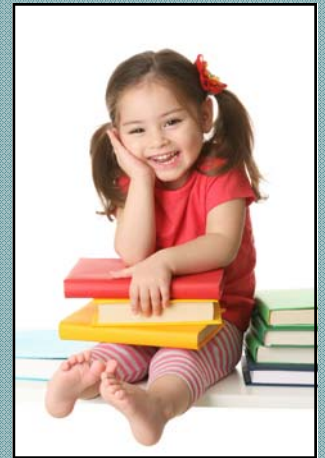


The library would like to welcome Kayla Jackson, who began working as the Children's Librarian in August. Kayla grew up in Central Texas and has been an avid reader since she learned to read in the first grade. She attended Texas Tech Univer-

sity and has a Bachelor's Degree in History. She will complete her Masters in Library Science through the University of North Texas in December of this year. She looks forward to many more storytimes and getting to know the library patrons. Her favorite authors include Jane Austen, Jim Butcher, J.K. Rowling, Dr. Seuss, and Mary Janice Davidson. Drop by the Children's Department and welcome her to our community.

Children's Storytimes

The library offers two weekly storytimes for children ages 1-2 and age 3-5. These free programs are a special opportunity to begin developing your child's literacy skills. Each week the children will hear a new story, see finger plays, sing songs, make crafts, and interact with other children. Storytimes take place in the Holland Meeting Room. For more information, please call (409) 643-5799.



Toddlerific Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 AM

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 AM

Express Yourself! Children's Department Bulletin Board

Each month patrons and their children are encouraged to visit the Children's Department to see the new bulletin board presentation. A section of the bulletin board is dedicated for children to share their thoughts and favorite things.



During September kids were asked to tell us their favorite subject in school. Kids loved math, science, and not surprisingly— reading! In October children will write the title

of their favorite book on a leaf, which will be added to a display of leaves falling off of the tree. In November, when we celebrate Thanksgiving, kids will be asked to write down what they are most thankful for on colorful turkeys. Finally, in December, when the weather turns cold, children will be encouraged to design and decorate their own snow flakes. Be creative!

The bulletin board is an opportunity for kids to communicate with library staff, share their creative flare, and let us know what is important to them. Bring in the kids to join in on the fun.



Moore Teens

Teen Advisory Board Celebrates Banned Book Week

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) held their first meeting on September 11, 2009. This group is a volunteer group of teens interested in providing a perspective to improve programs and services for young adults.

The first project undertaken by TAB was a book display promoting Banned Books Week, which celebrates the

freedom to read during the last week of September. The group selected a number of young adult books and classics read in high school that have been challenged over the last decade. TAB hopes the display will raise awareness about First Amendment rights, which includes the books we choose to read.

Teens interested in joining future TAB events can show up to any schedule events and meetings. Young adults may



also contact Young Adult Librarian, Jodi McLaughlin, at the number provided below.

Teen Read Week is Out of this World



Teen Read Week will be celebrated October 18-24, 2009. This year's theme is *Read Beyond Reality @ Your Library*. It will focus on science fiction, paranormal, and otherworldly young adult (YA) literature. Teen Read Week is

an opportunity to raise awareness of the joy of reading. The Teen Advisory Board will be creating a display of their favorite theme-related YA books and painting a science fiction-based mural, which will be put on display in the library. See the up-coming events box below for details.

Up-Coming TAB Events

Teen Read Week

Create a Sci-fi Mural

Friday, October 17th at 3:30 PM

Thanksgiving Event

Create a Thankful Tree

Friday, November 14th at 3:30 PM

Christmas Holiday Event

Homemade Christmas Gift

Friday, December 12th at 3:30 PM

For more information about TAB, please contact Jodi McLaughlin, Young Adult/Public Services Librarian at 409-949-3008.

Moore Teens Unite! Book Blog

Young adults looking for new reading material should check out Moore Teens Unite!, a book blog dedicated to



literature and information resources for teenagers. You don't have to be at the library to know what new books are hot.

The blog may be accessed at:

<http://mmpl-teentalk.blogspot.com/>

Book Review: *Shadow of the Wind*

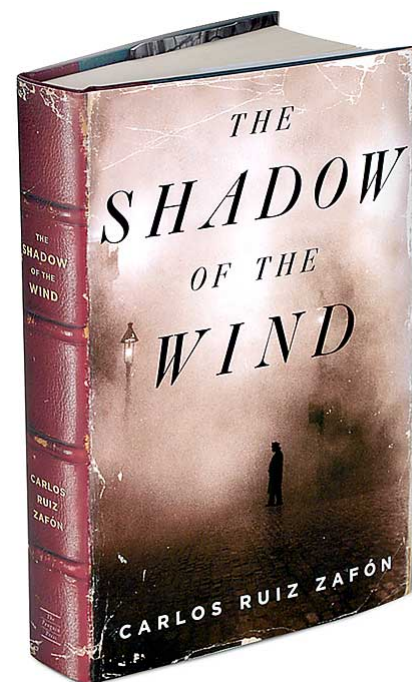
The *Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon is a book to warm a librarian's heart. In the world that exists in this novel, books are just as important to everyday life as air, water and food. Books are living things with souls that are changed by each of their readers, even as books change the souls of the readers themselves. The novel opens in Barcelona of the 1950's, during Franco's brutal dictatorship. The city of Barcelona, with its distinctive architecture, dark alleyways, and history of political unrest, provides a supremely rich and gothic setting for the novel.

The main character, Daniel Sempere, lives with his father in an apartment over the bookstore that they own. Daniel wakes one morning to find that, to his horror, he can no longer remember his dead mother's face. In an effort to comfort his distraught son, Daniel's father takes him on a trip across the city to a mysterious place known to only a few dedicated bibliophiles -- the Cemetery of Forgotten Books. According to custom, initiates are allowed to choose one book from the Cemetery, which they are then bound to protect throughout their lives. Fate compels Daniel to choose a book called *The Shadow of the Wind* by the unknown author Julian Carax. This act sets in motion a series of events which will forever alter Daniel's life.

After devouring the book in one sleepless night, Daniel decides that he must learn more about its author, Julian Carax. Daniel soon discovers that someone has been sys-

tematically hunting down copies of Carax's work and burning them. In fact, Daniel's copy of *The Shadow of the Wind* may be the last one in existence. As Daniel progresses on his quest to uncover the truth of Julian Carax's life and safeguard the author's remaining works, he encounters femme fatales, is dogged by a truly psychopathic policeman, and tastes the bittersweet fruit of first love. He is assisted by various idiosyncratic personages, including a formerly homeless former spy whose inspired bawdiness and tragic history lend both levity and a sense of the darkness of this particular historical period to the novel.

Zafon's plotlines are incredibly elaborate, but there is a sense of inevitability about the events of the novel; he lets the suspense build to the point that it is almost unbearable, then he doles out yet another clue to the mystery surrounding Julian Carax. This book has been compared to Arturo



Perez-Reverte's *The Club Dumas*, Umberto Eco's *Foucault's Pendulum* and A.S. Byatt's *Possession*. It is a fast-paced literary thriller filled with fascinating characters and a truly spooky atmosphere. *Shadow of the Wind* is the first in a planned trilogy. A prequel, *The Angel's Game*, was released in English this summer and is also available at the library.



2009/10 Lone Star Funding

The library has been awarded \$18,702 under the Lone Star Grant Program for 2009-2010. The Lone Star Libraries Grant was authorized by the Texas State Legislature and awarded by the Texas State Library and Archive Commission

for the library to purchase 175 audio books, 200 large print books, and 260 DVDs for patrons to use. With negotiated discounts, the library expects to be able to stretch these funds to purchase an even higher number of materials in each format. Patrons will find the initial shipment of materials on the shelves for checkout beginning in late October and can look forward to many new DVDs, audio books, and large print books over the next few months.



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cal directory. Health information is also available in over forty languages. The information provided by Medline Plus is current and written for the general consumer. Interactive tutorials have also been created for a number of diseases, conditions and procedures, including specific cancers, C-sections, and Pacemakers. The website also features an option to receive an E-mail or RSS update for those interested in following general information on women's, men's, senior's, and children's health.

Factcheck.org:

<http://factcheck.org>

The Annenberg Public Policy Center launched Factcheck.org "to reduce the level of deception

and confusion in U.S. politics." The organization monitors advertisements, speeches, news releases, and interviews by U.S. politicians and agencies for factual accuracy. The website is used to post both truths and inaccuracies for hotbed political topics, such as health care reform. President Obama's health care speeches and advertisements produced by special interest groups have been examined, along with other speeches and articles written by politicians. Factcheck also encourages people to ask questions about current political topics in order to dispel misinformation. The site also offers a Fact of the Day, which is educational and entertain-



ing. Students may also find the FactcheckEd interesting for school work and developing critical thinking skills. The website features advertisements for the student to examine and provides a tutorial on how to locate factual information on that specific topic. Annenberg wants students to learn how to locate factual information beyond Wikipedia and to develop logical explanations based on logic and evidence, not personal bias.

NEWS BRIEFS

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



Thanksgiving— The library will close at 6PM on Wednesday, November 25th. **Closed Thursday, November 26th - Saturday, November 28th.** Reopen Monday, November 30th at 9 AM.

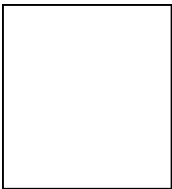


Christmas— The library will close at 6PM December 21-23, 2009. **Closed Thursday, December 24th - Saturday, December 26th.** Reopen Monday, December 28th at 9 AM.

New Year's Day— Closed Friday, January 1, 2010. Reopen Saturday, January 2nd at 10 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 7th**
- **November 4th**
- **December 2nd**



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Become a Friend of Moore Memorial 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 2009 (Jan. 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2010) are the following:

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please make checks payable to Friends of MMPL.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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Individual (\$10) ____

Family (\$25) ____

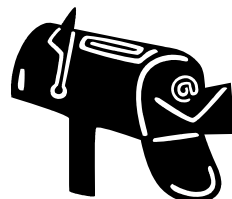
Senior Citizen 60+(\$5) ____

Student (\$5) ____

Sustaining (\$50) ____

Valued Friend (\$100) ____

Life Member (\$1,000) ____



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