**KATRINA EVACUEES WELCOMED**

Moore Memorial Library staff helped many evacuees from the Gulf Coast obtain critical information and Internet access during the recent evacuation and recovery efforts caused by Hurricane Katrina. The new computer workstations the library received during the last few months were in almost constant use as evacuees filed for federal assistance, searched for missing family members, checked on homes and neighborhoods and looked for information on temporary housing, jobs and school registration. Library reference staff provided extensive individual assistance and offered full in-house services to evacuees. Library staff and the Friends of the Library also donated free reading materials and free copying and printing access to evacuees. Evacuees settling in Texas may also obtain a free library card with verification of temporary residence.

**COMPUTER CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY**

If you are looking to gain a better understanding of internet and email basics, then the Texas City Public Library is here to help. Moore Memorial will be hosting three different beginner computer courses covering the basics of email and internet. Each workshop will be a one-day, two hour session of both instruction and hands-on application. All classes will be taught by the Moore Memorial staff.

For more information, please go to the reference desk or check for updates online at www.texascity-library.org or by phone at (409) 643-5977.
OUTREACH SERVICE AT THE NESSLER CENTER PRESCHOOL

The Library has begun providing an outreach service to the children at the City’s Nessler Center Preschool. Once a month a staff person from the library children’s department brings an assortment of books, finger plays, action rhymes, songs, and crafts to share. The first few themes center around the Fall season and several early childhood concepts are incorporated in the program. This is a joint effort between the Library and Recreation and Tourism Department to provide exposure to quality children’s literature and early literacy skills.

INFANTASTIC AND TODDLERIFIC — NEW CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

The Library has begun an Infantastic and Toddlerific program aimed at very young children, from birth to age 2. This program is held in the Walter Holland meeting room at the library on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The Infantastic and Toddlerific Program began on September 15, 2005 and ends November 17, 2005. This is a language-based program which features rhymes, stories, games, songs, and finger plays. Included in each session are plenty of bouncy time rhymes, tickle times, clapping fun, rock ‘n rhythm action rhymes and more. The youngest children are exposed to rhymes, rhythm, rich vocabulary, baby sign language, and simple stories. This is an effort to introduce these early learners to early literacy skills, which will help provide a foundation for eventually learning to read.

For more information, please call (409) 643-5966.

NEWS BRIEFS

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: The library will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 24 through Saturday, November 26, and for Christmas on Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26.

FALL STORYTIME: The fall preschool storyline (ages 3-5) began on Wednesday, Sept. 7. The program, which features finger plays, action rhymes, crafts and sign language skills, will be held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Groups of four or more children must register by calling (409) 643-5966.

ADULT BOOK CLUB: “Book Bits” adult book club has changed its meeting time to 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 October 5th, November 2nd, and December 7th. Call (409) 643-5970 for more information.

NHS TUTORIALS: Tutorials hosted by the Texas City High School National Honor Society is held on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the library meeting room for students grades K-12.
Area teens will be reading for the fun of it as Moore Memorial Public Library celebrates the eighth annual Teen Read Week, October 16-22, 2005. They join hundreds of other libraries, schools and bookstores across the country who are encouraging teens to explore the world of non-fiction books, such as biographies, self-help books, strange but true stories, strange but true stories, and more. So, come to the library, use the Internet and check out a DVD, book or CD.

Library staff members Carol Ann Mills and Betty Burns are known as “The Library Ladies” at the nursing homes and adult care centers where they give monthly library programs. Recently they added the Ashton Park Care Center in La Marque to their monthly circuits. The theme for August programs was “Chocolate”, and residents participated in an educational, interactive program designed to stimulate thinking, sensory and memory skills complete with chocolate kisses.

Library Director CarolAnn Mills hosts a library program for seniors at the Ashton Park Care Center.
LIBRARY FRIENDS MEETING
Monday at 2 p.m. on Nov. 14
All Friends members are welcome to attend

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_____________________
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Membership types: Individual ($5) ___ Family ($10) ___
Student or Senior ($2) ___ Business/Organization ($50) ___
Sustaining ($25) ___ Valued Friend ($100) ___

FALL BOOK SALE
The Friends annual BOOK SALE will be open to the public on Saturday, Nov. 5.
A Friends member pre-sale will be on Friday, Nov. 4.
Donations of books, magazines, videos and audio materials may be brought to the library beginning Oct. 28.