TEXAS CITY PARTICIPATES IN GALVESTON COUNTY READS

The city of Texas City is participating with other Galveston County cities in Galveston County Reads. Residents of Galveston County will be reading The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon. Several events and book discussions pertaining to the book will take place around the county during January through March and are open and free to everyone to attend. (Contact the library for a complete listing). The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time is about an autistic teenage boy who sets out to absolve himself of a crime he did not commit and discovers more than he expected through his meticulous observations. The book has been on the best-seller list and has won several awards. Moore Memorial Public Library will have 20 copies to checkout at the Circulation Desk. Please check the Galveston County Reads website at: www.galvestoncountyreads.org or call Holly (409) 949-3008 at Moore Memorial Public Library for more information.

FREE INTERNET AND EMAIL CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY

Moore Memorial Public Library will be offering three separate computer classes this winter. The first class will take place on Friday Jan 13. It will cover basic emailing where class participants will obtain their own Email account and practice using their new account. In the Basic Internet Searching class on Friday Jan 27 students will learn and practice surfing the World Wide Web. The Intermediate Searching class on Friday Feb. 10 will refine Internet searching techniques so users can find what they are searching for more effectively. All classes begin at 10:00 a.m. and will last approximately 2 hours. Registration is required and there is no cost. For more information please contact the reference desk at (409) 643-5977.
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 January 4th, February 1st, and March 1st. Call (409) 643-5970 for more information.

NEW LIBRARIANS: Moore Memorial Public Library has two new Librarians on staff. Dan is the Adult Reference Librarian and Holly is the Young Adult Reference Librarian. Both received their Masters of Science in Library Science from the University of North Texas.

FAFSA APPLICATIONS: FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) applications are located at the library for those entering and continuing college who wish to apply for financial aid.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: The library will be closed to observe Martin Luther King day on Monday January 16.

MEMORY COURSE OFFERED AT MOORE MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) Senior Services will present a five part memory training course for individuals with age related memory issues to improve their memory. UTMB’s Larry Gen-drusch will present the five part memory training course. Participants are asked to pay ten dollars at the first session for course materials which includes a copy of The Memory Bible by Dr. Gary Small. The Memory Course was developed by UTMB Senior Service and Division of Geriatric Medicine. The course will take place on Tuesdays from Jan. 31st through Feb. 28th from 10 a.m. to noon in the Holland Meeting Room at the library. Registration is required.

For more information on the Memory Course please call Dan at Moore Memorial Public Library at (409) 949-3007 or the reference desk at (409) 643-5977.

RUSSIA FEATURED AT THE LIBRARY

Every year the library plans to feature a different country in the month of January. This year the library will be focusing on Russia. Some of the book displays will include Great Russian Literature, Russian Legends & Fairy Tales, Russian History, Russia in Fiction, Arts & Culture in Russia, and Russia Today. Russian items such as Russian nesting dolls and lacquer ware will also be on display at the library.

Come by and check out some materials about Russia and see some beautiful Russian items.

5 Session Memory Course
Tuesday, Jan 31 @ 10:00 am
Tuesday, Feb 7 @ 10:00 am
Tuesday, Feb 14 @ 10:00 am
Tuesday, Feb 21 @ 10:00 am
Tuesday, Feb 28 @ 10:00 am

The Russian Bibliographies and Webibliography will be posted on the library website and available at the library.

For more information, please call (409) 643-5977.
TAX FORMS AT THE LIBRARY

Tax season is approaching and the library will have basic tax forms available beginning January 2nd. Reproducible tax forms will also be available to copy at the copier for 10 cents a page. The copier takes dimes, nickels, quarters, and dollar bills. Tax forms are also available on the Internet and may be printed for 10 cents per page. The library, however, will not receive multipart tax forms. Library staff is restricted from offering tax advice and/or assistance. However, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) volunteers will be at the library to provide free tax assistance starting in Feb. on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TEXAS CITY HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE INTERNET

Moore Memorial has received a grant from the Portal of Texas History Project to digitize historical photographs in danger of deterioration. The grant is from the Summerlee Foundation of Dallas. Photographs will be scanned at the Digital Imaging Lab at the University of North Texas. Photographs featured in the Portal of Texas History Project will be from the U.S. Army First Aero Squadron from 1913-1915 and the Texas City Explosion in 1947. These digitized photos will be available for public viewing on the Internet after the grant is completed. More information will be available in the upcoming issue of Moore Times in April.

MORE NEWS BRIEFS

NEW SHELVING: The Children’s Department is creating a new space for Easy Readers. New shelving has been ordered for this space and will hopefully arrive in mid January.

NEW SCANNER: Moore Memorial Public Library now has a new HP Scanjet 8200 Scanner through a grant from HAL (Houston Area Library System). The high resolution scanner, which is located behind the reference desk, is used for archival and local history purposes and special preservation projects.

LONE STAR LIBRARY GRANT: Moore Memorial Public Library received a Lone Star Libraries grant of $6,158, authorized by the Texas State Legislature and awarded to TSLAC for the library. It will go towards purchasing 200 DVDs and at least 40 books on CD. These materials will include selections for informational, recreational, and educational use for all age groups.

NEW ROOF: Plans are in place for replacement of the library roof during 2006. The library will try to keep any inconvenience to a minimum.
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.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please make checks payable to Friends of MMPL.

Name________________________Address_____________________
________________________City/StateZip_____________________
________________________Phone__________________________

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

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