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MOORE TIMES

TEXAS CITY READS 2015: THE MARTIAN IS OUT OF THIS WORLD

Mark Watney died on Mars. Well, that’s what everyone on Earth thinks. Actually, Mark just seemed to die and got left on Mars, which is pretty much the same thing. Now he has to survive for over 400 days with food and water meant to last a few months. He also has to figure out a way to cross over 2,000 miles of dangerous Martian terrain just to contact a planet that thinks he’s dead. Worst of all he’s stuck listening to disco.

We get all this at first straight from Marks’ logs, left in case he dies. They are an excellent way to quickly get inside our hero’s head and put us in the same mindset he is. One thing that keeps Mark sane and the reader entertained is his uproarious humor. His continuous laughter in the face of death makes him relatable, and draws the reader further in.

The Martian has been called Castaway meets Apollo 13, and that’s an apt comparison. It is a very realistic look at surviving a hostile planet, so even people wary of Sci-Fi will find a lot to enjoy.

It’s also coming to theaters near you. With an all star cast, Matt Damon as Mark, and director Ridley Scott at the helm, it’s poised to be both a critical and commercial success.

So don’t miss out on what is sure to be the novel of the summer. Grab your copy of The Martian at the Circulation Desk today. Then join us for a lively discussion at the Moore Memorial Public Library on Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30 PM.

NASA: FUTURE OF SPACE EXPLORATION

Should we boldly go where no person has ever gone before? If we should, how will we get there? The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is the agency that will have to answer the question.

On Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30 PM at the Moore Memorial Public Library, Jose M. Caram from the Johnson Space Center will discuss NASA’s future with space exploration. Find out how close we are to catching up with science fiction! When will we go to Mars and how will we get there? What is the benefit of manned versus robotic exploration? What part will the private sector play in space travel? What role does the greater Houston region have in future of space? Learn the answers to these questions and more.

Become a Friend of the Moore Memorial Public Library

The Friends’ dues for calendar year 2015 (Jan. 1, 2015 through Dec. 31, 2015) are the following:

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The Friends Membership Form

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**FALL PROGRAMS**

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

### Basic Mouse and Windows
Learn how to start using a computer. We’ll teach basic mouse skills and how to use files in Windows. Classes are limited to the first 10 attendees.

**When:** Friday, September 22nd at 10 AM

### Drop-in Computer/Tech Help
Drop in for 15 minute one-on-one computer and tech assistance. We can help you with troubleshooting in Microsoft Office, using the internet, downloading apps, and more. We cannot help with virus removal or computer repair of any kind.

**When:** Tuesday, September 8th at 2 PM

### Advanced Directives
Dr. Cheryl Ellis Vaiani, a former professor at UTMB, is going to give an overview of Advanced Directives: what they are, how to prepare one, and what they mean.

**When:** Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30 PM

### NASA and the Future of Space Exploration
Jose M. Caram from the Johnson Space Center will be discussing NASA’s future in space exploration.

**When:** Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30 PM

### Texas City Reads 2015
We will discuss the Texas City Reads book of the year, The Martian by Andy Weir. Come for refreshments and a lively talk.

**When:** Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30 PM

### Basic Word
Learn how to get started in Microsoft Word. Learn how to write, edit, save, and more. Classes are limited to the first 10 attendees.

**When:** Friday, October 2nd at 10 AM

### Basic Coding for Adults
Come learn the basics of doing some simple coding on the computer. We will work on the coding together on the computers. Only 10 slots are available.

**When:** Friday, October 9th at 10 AM

### The Vietnam War
Local author, Michael Lee Lanning will be speaking about his experiences in Vietnam during the war and the books he has written on the subject.

**When:** Tuesday, October 13th at 2 PM

### Coding for Teens
For ages 12-18. Come learn the basics of doing some simple coding on the computer. We will work on the coding together on the computers. Only 10 slots are available.

**When:** Friday, October 23rd at 4 PM

### Showing Off Your Travel Photos
We will learn about some free online sites to check out, and there will be a short lesson on how to use Microsoft’s Windows Live Movie Maker. There will be laptops available for the first ten attendees.

**When:** Tuesday, October 27th at 2 PM

## MOORE TEENS

### Special Programs (Ages 12-18):

#### Thu, July 9th 2 PM
**DIY TECH**

**COSPLAY CRATES**

**RETRO CRAFTS**

**SCULPT IT!**

#### Thu, July 23rd 2 PM

**BE CRAFTY!**

One hour craft programs for the craftiest teens in town! Make 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.

**You dream it**

**You make it**

**Board Games You’ve NEVER Played**

On Fridays 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
- Poseidon Island
- Solaris: Game for the Galaxy
- Fluxx
- The Flame Sonacy
- Survival
- Ingenious
- Pandemic
- Carcassonne
- Go

### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD: DO SOMETHING!

It’s a fun, easy way to earn leadership hours, meet new people, eat snacks, and make the library a better place. The TAB will meet next on Friday, September 4th at 1 PM and Friday, October 2nd at 1 PM in the meeting room. For more information about the Teen Advisory Board call Luke, our Young Adult Librarian, at 409-949-3008.
**FALL CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING**

Regular fall children’s programming will resume on Tuesday, September 1st. Toddlerific Storytime will be presented Tuesday mornings at 10 AM for children ages 1-3. Children will listen to stories, interact with fingerplays, and sing songs together. There is also some play time for the children. Preschool Storytime will be held Wednesdays at 10:00 AM for children ages 3-5. Children will listen to stories, interact with fingerplays, sing songs, and assemble a craft. Storytimes are held in the Holland Meeting Room. These free programs are a special opportunity to develop your child’s literacy skills. For more information about these programs, call our Children’s Department at (409) 643-5966.

**JUMP START READING: CHILDREN’S NEW LITERACY STATION**

There’s something new for our youngest library users in the Children’s Department! One of our computers is now a dedicated early literacy station. This station’s desktop displays links to early literacy-focused websites such as Starfall, ABCMouse, Sesame Street, Sprout, and Nick Jr. On these websites, recommended for ages 2-6, children can access games and other activities designed to help develop their pre-reading skills to become successful readers later on.

The early literacy station features a child-sized mouse, keyboard and headphone set. It is available during all hours the library is open, including evenings and Saturdays. Parents do need to be at the computer with children under age 8.

We also have the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program for early literacy support. Pick up a reading log and write down everything you read to your child. As you turn in logs you’ll earn fun prizes and get early literacy pointers. The completed logs also act as a memento of your child’s earliest reading. Call the Children’s Department at (409) 643-5966 if you would like more information about our early literacy programs.

**Back to School**

Summer may just be getting started, but school is right around the corner. The library remains one of the best resources for students in need of print and electronic research materials. Please speak to a reference librarian to learn how we can better the study experience.

**Kids Zone**

School will begin on the following dates for these local school districts: Texas City ISD: August 24th www.toiad.org La Marque ISD: August 24th www.limid.net Santa Fe ISD: 9th Grade: August 21st All other grades: August 24th www.sfisd.org Dickinson ISD: August 24th www.dickinsonisd.org Clear Creek: August 24th www.ccisd.net

**Senior Centers Get in on Summer Reading**

Our patrons in senior living facilities are getting in on summer reading too! Every senior program patron who fills out a Senior Center Summer Reading Log in the months of June and July will receive a FREE large print book. Reading is a great way to keep minds of any age active, and we’re proud to be a part of that.

This program is part of our ongoing commitment to serving our patrons who can’t make it to the library. Every month librarian Luke Alvey-Henderson and our Public Service Assistant, Kristina Garza, visit 5 senior citizen living centers and the Nessler Center Senior Center Programs. Programs are designed to engage seniors on topics of interest, direct interaction, and short games. Our goal is to provide entertainment, information, and mental stimulation.

**Vietnam War: 40 Years Later**

This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. The war polarized our nation and is fiercely debated to this day. The anniversary gives us an opportunity to look back on the war and how the decades have changed our perception of the conflict.

Join us on Tuesday, October 13th at 2 PM to take a look back. Local author Michael Lee Lanning will be speaking about his experiences in Vietnam during the war and the books he has since written on the subject. It’s a chance to learn first hand about the realities of war and living with the aftermath.

**Drop-In for Computer Help**

Want your computer, smartphone, e-reader, or laptop questions answered? Don’t have a lot of time? Moore Memorial Public Library has you covered. Every Friday in September and October from 1-3 PM you can drop in to get your questions answered.

Just stop by the Library Reference desk and get a 15 minute one-on-one session with a librarian. You can learn how to attach documents to an email, download apps to your phone, check out ebooks from the library, and so much more.

Unfortunately, we cannot help with virus removal or other forms of computer repair. We are also limited by time in the scope of what we can cover, but we’ll be able to get you on the right path.

If you have any questions about the program, please call us at (409) 643-5977.

**News Briefs**

**Library Holiday Closings:** The library will be closed on the following dates: Independence Day: The library will be closed Friday, July 3rd and Saturday July 4th. We will reopen Monday, July 6th at 9 AM.

Labor Day: The library will be closed Monday, September 7th. We will reopen Tuesday September 8th at 9 AM.
There’s still time to get your reading logs in! 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!

Anyone over the age of 18 can participate in our Summer reading program for adults. Turn in your reading log and for every 10 hours of reading you get a ballot for our prize drawing. Drawings for gift cards will take place at the end of the summer after the August 14th deadline to turn in your logs.

In addition to filling out your summer reading log, we have a new fun activity. 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. Once you complete your hunt you’ll get a copy of Texas City: Images of the 20th Century by Collier Campbell & Susie Moncla. Start your hunt by going to our Local History page on our website www.texascity-library.org. If you have any questions about our Summer Reading programs, please call our Children’s Department at (409) 643-5977.

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 Chums 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 through the month of 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.

**Summer 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.

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