Fall is here, and that means it’s time for great new programs. We strive to provide programs that inspire, educate, and entertain.

Want to download ebooks or figure out an app on your smartphone? Check out our Drop-in Computer/Tech Help every Friday in October from 1-3 PM. Do you want to start learning how to use Microsoft Word? Try our Basic Word Class to get started making all sorts of documents. You can come to our Coding for Adults class to get started learning how to program computers in just one hour! Want to start making a family history? Kimberly Montgomery, a member of our local Ancestry Searchers, is going to teach you how. We’ll have all this and so much more! Find a full schedule of our adult programs on page 2.

For the kids we have our weekly Storytimes to jumpstart the love of reading and get their minds and hands active! Every week there’s a new story and a new craft or activity. Do you have a LEGO maniac in your family? Kids ages 8-12 can use LEGOs to build solutions at LEGO Problem solving. Check out page 6 for details on our children’s programs!

For teens we have our monthly groups: Teen Advisory Board, Manga club, LEGO Mindstorms Robotics, and Board Games You’ve Never Played. We also have a special Coding for Teens Program on Friday, October 23rd at 4 PM. Turn to page 7 for all times and dates. No matter your age or your interests you’ll find something great at MMPL!

Learn to Speak Computer

Do you speak computer? Coding is how we “talk” to computers and tell them what to do. Code is behind everything you see, hear, and interact with any computer device.

Now you can learn how to start coding in just one hour! We are having basic coding classes a for a wide variety of ages. Each program will run through an age appropriate Hour of Code program that teaches the basics of coding. If it fires you up, you’ll also learn about more free resources to continue coding.

Basic Coding for Adults is Friday, October 9th at 10 AM. Coding for Teens is for ages 12-18 and will be on Friday, October 23rd at 4 PM. Basic Coding for Tweens is Tuesday, December 29th at 1 PM. All will have a limit of 10 spots, so show up early to snag a seat!
FALL PROGRAMS

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

Drop-in Computer/Tech Help
Drop in for a 15 minute one-on-one computer and tech assistance session. 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: Fridays in October from 1:30 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 22nd at 4 PM

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

When: Friday, October 6th at 10 AM

The Vietnam War
Local author Michael Lee Lanning will speak about his experiences in Vietnam during the war. He has written several books on the subject.

When: Tuesday, October 13th at 2 PM

Coding for Tweens
For ages 8-12. Come learn the basics of simple coding on the computer. We will work on the coding together on the computers. Only 10 slots are available.

When: Friday, October 22nd at 4 PM

LEGO Problem-Solving
Kids ages 8-12 will solve a fun and challenging problem using LEGO kits. Challenge your mind and stretch your creativity!

When: Saturday, October 24th at 1 PM

Monday, November 23rd at 1 PM

Monday, December 21st at 1 PM

Showing Off Your Travel Photos
We will learn about some free online sites for hosting photos 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

Basic Internet
Learn the basics of using the internet. Get started navigating the web. Classes are limited to the first 10 attendees.

When: Friday, November 6th at 10 AM

Creating a Family History for Your Grandchildren
Kimberly Montgomery, a member of our local Ancestry Searchers group, will discuss creating a family history for your loved ones.

When: Wednesday, November 11th at 1 PM

Thanksgiving Cards
We’re spreading good cheer by making greeting cards for residents of Texas City senior living facilities. We’ll provide the supplies. All ages are welcome, but children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by someone 14 or older.

When: Thursday, November 12th at 3:30 PM

Basic Email
Get started using email. Learn how to send and receive email. Classes are limited to the first 10 attendees.

When: Friday, December 4th at 10 AM

Woven Bookmarks
We’ll make yarn bookmarks with a cardboard loom. We’ll provide the supplies. All ages are welcome, but children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by someone 14 or older.

When: Thursday, December 10th at 3:30 PM

Coding for Tweens
For ages 8-12. Come learn the basics of simple coding on the computer. We will work on the coding together on the computers. Only 10 slots are available.

When: Tuesday, December 29th at 1 PM

FALL PROGRAMS

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TEEN READ WEEK

October 19th-23rd is Teen Read Week and Moore Library is ready to celebrate. This year’s theme is ‘Get Away @ Your Library’ and focuses on using reading to go places. To celebrate, we want to give teens something to take with them!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE: TEEN GROUPS AND EVENTS

Every month we have several programs for teens like LEGO Mindstorms, Teen Advisory Board, Manga Club, and Board Games. With all the activities all year, we cannot say no to the teens, just like they can’t say no to playing board games, strategy games, and card games like you’ve NEVER played before. We have selected fun award winning games that are totally unlike any board games you’ve ever played! We have King of Tokyo, Settlers of Catan, Fluxx, Munchkin, Forbidden Island, Dominion, Labyrinth, Pandemic, and more. Many more. The next meetings are Friday, October 16th at 3:15 PM, Friday, November 20th at 4 PM, and Friday, December 18th at 4 PM.

By being a part of TAB you get leadership experience that looks great on college applications and resumes. It’s also a great way to meet new people or hang out with friends. We’ll talk about ways to make the library better for young adults, have a teen-led current events round table, talk about our favorite books, and have a great time doing it. Our next meeting is Friday, October 30th at 4 PM, Friday, November 6th at 4 PM, and Friday, December 4th at 4 PM.

So no matter what you’re into, you’ll find a group to love at the library! And that’s not all! We have a special one-shot program for teens in October! Coding for teens will get you started learning how to code (basically talk to computers) in just one hour! Coding for Teens is Friday, October 23rd. At 4 PM.

Picture from Teen Volunteer Ashlie

Anyone age 12-18 who reads at least 3 hours during Teen Read Week and turns in a Teen Read Week form by Friday, October 23rd to the Reference Desk will win a brand new book. We have a selection of great choices to pick from. It’s a true win-win for teens who read!
For more information about children’s programs, call our Children’s Department at (409) 643-5966.

**Kids Zone**

**FALL STORYTIMES**

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. Storytimes will end December 16th and restart Tuesday, January 5th, 2016.

**1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN**

The library has its very own fun (and free!) early literacy program called 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten that can help you on your path to build your child’s early literacy skills. Early literacy (sometimes called pre-literacy or pre-reading) is what children learn about reading before they actually start reading.

All you have to do to get started is sign up your infant to pre-k age child in the Children’s Department. We will give you a folder with a handbook containing all the information about the program you’ll need, along with your child’s special log book and first 2 log sheets to record the first 200 books you read together. Once you fill your logs, bring them to a Children’s Department staff member and you will collect the reward for your child for those log levels and get your next log sheets. Once you complete your 10th and final log, you will have read 1,000 books together! To celebrate this achievement, your child will get a diploma certificate and book prize. Please ask the Children’s Department staff if you have questions about the program or how to help prepare your child for reading.

**LEGO PROBLEM SOLVING: BUILDING BETTER BRAINS ONE BRICK AT A TIME**

The Library is the place to be for LEGOS! On Saturday, October 24th at 1 PM, we will offer LEGO Problem Solving again for ages 8-12. This program’s purpose is to encourage children to build their creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking, teamwork, and engineering skills. Participants will be prompted with a fun challenge and will build their solution to it. There are no wrong answers and loads of creative solutions! We will have additional programs on Monday, November 23rd at 1 PM, and Monday, December 21st at 1 PM.

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**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.

At some point in our lives we all look back and wish we knew more about our roots. Sadly, we often look back too late to ask the people who could have told us the most.

We’re excited to host a program to bridge the past with present. Kimberly Montgomery, a member of our local Ancestry Searchers group, will discuss some ideas for getting started on creating a family history for your grandchildren, or any other interested family members.

**CREATING A FAMILY HISTORY FOR YOUR GRANDCHILDREN**

You can learn the basics of chronicling your own family history. Think of all the memories, stories, and connections you hold inside you to pass down to the next generations. You can also learn how to work with a parent, grandparent, or other relatives to chronicle their family history.

So don’t let your own history fade away! Join us on Wednesday, November 11th at 1 PM to start your road to trace your roots.

**BE THANKFUL AND GIVE BACK**

When we asked our patrons what types of programs they wanted, many responded that they’d like programs that help the community. We thought that Thanksgiving would be the perfect holiday to make that happen.

We will be making Thanksgiving Day cards to hand out at the senior living facilities we visit every month. It’s time in the scope of what we can do part of our ongoing commitment to serving our patrons. We’ll provide the supplies. Just bring your creativity and heartfelt thoughts for the cards. All ages are welcome, but children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by someone 14 or older. The program is Thursday, November 12th at 3:30 PM.

**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 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.
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OverDrive: Get More than Ever Before

Moore Library is excited to announce that you can get more ebooks than ever before! Not only have we continued to expand our OverDrive collection to nearly 3,000 titles, but now you can check out more than ever before. We have doubled the limit, so you can now check out up to 10 ebooks at a time. We hope this makes it even easier for you to grab the books you love on the go.

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News Briefs

Library Holiday Closings:

Thanksgiving – We will close at 6PM Wednesday, November 26th. We will be closed Thursday, November 26th-Saturday, November 28th. We will reopen Monday, November 30th at 9 AM.

Christmas – We will close at 6PM Monday, December 21st-Wednesday, December 23rd. We will be closed Thursday, December 24-Saturday, December 26th. We will reopen Monday, December 28th at 9 AM.

New Year’s Day – We will be closed Friday, January 1st. We will reopen Saturday, January 2nd at 10 AM.

Year Round Volunteer Opportunities for Teens

Moore Memorial Public Library is excited to announce a new opportunity for teens looking to gain volunteer service hours. Teens ages 13-18 can now volunteer at the library year round. We’ve had such a wonderful response from our summer volunteers that we want to open it up to more teens for more time. We hope this will let teens who can’t volunteer during the summer get their chance to pitch in.

Volunteers help us keep the library neat, organize library shelves, and more. It’s a valuable service that helps us run the library more smoothly.

With this volunteer time, teens will earn volunteer service credit for college applications, service organization requirements (such as National Honor Society) or to add to your first resume. Unfortunately, volunteering with the library cannot be used for court-ordered community service.

Anyone interested in becoming a Volunteer Teen can pick up an application at the library Reference Desk. For more information, please call our Young adult Librarian at (409) 949-3008.

Texas City Dike Centennial

Happy 100th Birthday to the Texas City Dike! She may be getting on in years, but thanks to hard work, ingenuity, and planning she’s better than ever!

The Texas City Dike was finished in 1915 as a timber pile construction. Whenever the canal was dredged, the debris would be laid atop the dike. From these humble beginnings, our dike was born.

With the efforts of Col. Hugh and Helen Moore (then a member of the Texas House of representatives) the dike was granted additional funding and land. Add in the help of the Works Progress Administration, the Army Corp. of Engineers, many Texas City administrations, and decades of hard work and you get the dike we know and love today.

The dike faced and survived one of its worst challenges in Hurricane Ike in 2008. The dike remained structurally sound, but much of the roads and dirt and nearly all recreation facilities were swept away. With diligent work and FEMA assistance the dike reopened in 2010. Texas City has been enjoying it ever since.

So whether you are fishing, swimming, or just watching the boats, celebrate the dike’s birthday by enjoying this engineering marvel that symbolizes what makes Texas City great.

Swimming near the dike is a Texas City tradition!